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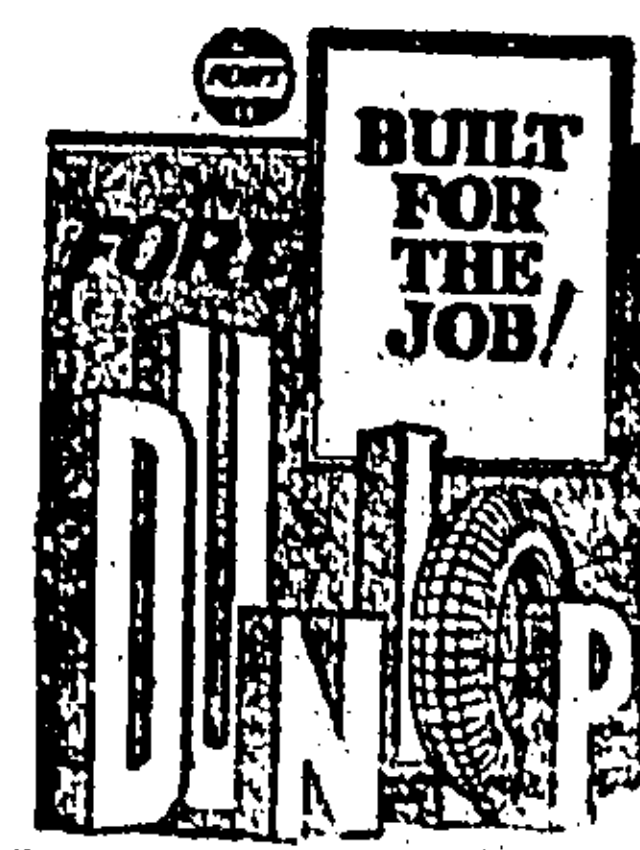
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Executive Power to Be Vested in the Crown.

INDIA'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Round Table Conference is expected to end its task this week. It is provisionally arranged to hold the Plenary Session on the latter day, when the Prime Minister will make a speech outlining the Government's proposals to be embodied in a measure for presentation to Parliament. The delegates are expected to say farewell to one another next Monday at the latest.

To-day an important stage was reached when Lord Sankey, as Chairman, read to the Federal Structure Committee a 26 page draft report on the vitally important objects that this body has been considering. Copies were given to members and the expected discussion thereon will be completed to-morrow. It is understood that the report points out that the Sub-Committee do not claim to have evolved in all details a complete plan of Federal Constitution. They consider the best service they can render the conference is to state certain general principles. Many points have necessarily been left to be settled later, when public opinion both in India and Britain has had an opportunity of expressing itself upon them in order that a complete constitution may be based on a maximum measure of public approval in both countries.

Council of Ministers.

Regarding the Executive, the report proceeds on the basic assumption that the constitution will recognise the principle that, subject to special conditions, responsibility for a Federal Government of India will in fact rest upon the Indians themselves. In the opinion of the Sub-Committee the proper method of giving effect to this principle is following the precedent of all the Dominion Constitutions to provide that executive power and authority shall invest in the Crown or in the Governor-General as representing the Crown, and that there will be a Council of Ministers appointed by the Governor-General and holding office at his pleasure.

It is suggested that the instrument of instructions should direct him to appoint those persons who command the confidence of the Legislature and the Governor-General. The convention of inviting one Minister to form a Government and requesting him to submit the test of his proposed colleagues should be followed. As those chosen as Ministers should possess the confidence of the Legislature it follows that they would retain office only so long as they retained that confidence. This is what the Sub-Committee understand by responsibility of Government to the Legislature, in the sense in which that expression is used throughout the British Commonwealth. The expression is also implied in their view that the Ministry are responsible collectively and that they stand or fall together. It, however, is admitted that this broad statement of principle or responsible Government at the centre will be the ultimate achievement of the constitution now to be formed and requires some qualification.

There was general agreement in the Sub-Committee that the assumption by India of all powers and responsibilities which hitherto rested on Parliament cannot be made at one step and that during the period of transition, firstly, the Governor-General should be responsible for defence and external relations, including relations with Indian States outside the Federal Sphere, and that, secondly, in certain circumstances that may arise outside the sphere of these subjects the Governor-General must be at liberty to act on his own responsibility and must be given powers necessary to implement his decisions.

It is clear, however, that the Governor-General must be at liberty to select as Ministers responsible in a reserved sphere any person he may himself choose as best fitted for the purpose, and that on appointment they should hold Ministerial Portfolios and acquire the right like other members

PORTUGUESE BANK NOTES SCANDAL.

Heavy Damages Award to Plaintiffs.

SWINDLER'S COUP.

London, Yesterday.
Damages agreed at \$569,421 in favour of the plaintiffs, the Bank of Portugal, were entered in the King's Bench Division to-day against Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, printers, of whom Sir William Waterlow, ex-Lord Mayor of London, is a Director. The above amount is payable subject to the result of a possible appeal. — Reuter.

[On December 22 Mr. Justice Wright gave judgment in favour of the Bank for \$531,861 damages, but defendants' counsel raised legal arguments which the Judge decided to hear next term. He therefore deferred entering judgment. The case was a sequel to the amazingly bold coup by a swindler, in fraudulently obtaining £1,000,000 worth of bank notes direct from Waterlow's on forged orders. The Bank of Portugal sued Waterlow's for £1,115,613, alleging, alternatively, breaches of contract, negligence, or conversion in connection with the printing of the Portuguese bank notes. Plaintiff's counsel asserted that an international swindler named Marang called at Waterlow's in 1924, bearing a forged letter from the Governor of the Bank of Portugal, and ordered notes which were duly supplied and circulated.]

bers of an audience in either Chamber of the Legislature. With the position of the Governor-General in relation to his Cabinet is to some degree involved the question of whether the Governor-General himself should preside over the meetings of his Ministers. In the Sub-Committee's view the better course would be to provide in his instructions that he should preside when he thought it desirable, leaving the matter to his discretion. It, however, is essential that the Governor-General should be kept at all times fully informed of the state of public affairs and have the right to call for any papers or information which are at his Ministers' disposal. It follows from the fact that the Governor-General, who will himself be responsible for the administration of reserved subjects, that he should not be dependent for the supply required upon the assent of the Legislature, and that it should be charged on a consolidated fund.

Special Measures.

It follows also that he should be empowered to secure the enactment of such Legislative measures as may be essential for discharging his responsibilities on these subjects. The Sub-Committee anticipated that in the event of its becoming necessary to use these powers the Governor-General would not ordinarily do so without consulting his Ministers, even though the responsibility for any action taken would be his.

Regarding subjects in the administration of which the Governor-General would act on the advice of his Ministers, it is generally agreed that in the last resort he must be responsible for arrangements for securing that peace and tranquillity in any part of India must be secured. Members of the Public Services must be secured in any right guaranteed to them by the constitution and it is agreed for this purpose that the Governor-General must have special powers.

In the sphere of finance the Sub-Committee regarded as fundamental the conditions of success of the new constitution that no room should be left for doubts as to the ability of India to maintain her financial stability both at home and abroad. It would, therefore, be necessary to reserve to the Governor-General such essential powers as would enable him to intervene if methods were being pursued which would prejudice India in the money markets of the world. The Sub-Committee recommended that efforts should be made to establish on a sure foundation, and free from any political influence as early as possible, a reserve fund entrusted with the right to make loans

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INFLUX OF GOLD INTO FRANCE.

Minister Defends the Monetary Policy.

NOTABLE IMPROVEMENT.

Paris, Yesterday.
The Finance Minister, M. Mar-tin, in an interview, defends France's monetary policy and declares that the Government is taking steps to limit the influx of gold.

He declares that "to-morrow, in order that the Government's desire not to adopt a financial policy dominated by egotistical ends may be even plainer, we may hope that with the collaboration of the Bank of France a notable improvement will be effected in the monetary settlement between the London and Paris markets." — Reuter.

FEARED LOST.

"TRADE WIND" NOW 28 HOURS OVERDUE.

GRAVE ANXIETY.

New York, Yesterday.
The gravest fears are entertained over the fate of the Trade Wind, now 28 hours overdue. Half a dozen ships at sea equipped with wireless have reported that they have not seen the seaplane. There are mountainous seas in the Atlantic and it is considered improbable that the seaplane could float for more than a few hours if forced down. — Reuter's American Service.

[The seaplane Trade Wind, piloted by Flight-Lieutenant MacLaren, left New York on January 4 on an attempt to fly the Atlantic to Paris. The airman was accompanied by Mrs. Beryl Hart, a widow, who owns the plane and holds a pilot's certificate.]

CHEAPER TYRES.

BIG REDUCTIONS BY U.S. MANUFACTURERS.

SWEEPING CUTS.

New York, Yesterday.
Sweeping cuts in the retail prices of tyres by the largest companies are reported from Akron, Ohio, America's great rubber manufacturing centre. The General Tyre and Rubber Company announces a reduction of seven and a half to 12 per cent. on all passenger tyres. The Firestone Rubber Company has reduced its tyre prices from six and a half to 12 per cent. Other companies notify similar reductions. — Reuter's American Service.

RECORD FLIGHT.

AIRMEN COVER 1,800 MILES IN 22 HOURS.

DESTINATION DAKAR.

Villa Cisneros, Yesterday.
The French aviator, Captain La Louette and Perroulle landed here to-day, having covered 1,800 miles in 22 hours, a record distance in a straight line in a touring aeroplane weighing under 400 kilograms. — Reuter.

[The airmen took off at 12.48 p.m. on Sunday from Marseilles, in an attempt to beat the world record for a straight line light aeroplane flight. Their destination is Dakar.]

TRUST BELIED.

TIN SMITH DECEIVED BY A ROGUE.

Leung Pak, master of the Cheung Kien-chung, Tin-smith, at 110 Queen's Road, West, has reported to the Police that he paid \$5,520 to Wong Kie-sung, of the Yat Lo Import and Export firm, at the Industrial and Commercial Bank building, for 400 cases of sheet tin, on January 8. He went to collect the delivery note the next day and discovered that the office was closed and that Wong Kie-sung had absconded. On enquiries made later the master found that the man did not belong to the Yat Lo firm.

STOP PRESS

London, Yesterday.
Two officers and a flight sergeant belonging to the R.A.F. Training School, were killed in a crash in the darkness with a Vickers-Vimy bomber on the borders of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. The fourth occupant was flung clear and was uninjured. Two other bombers accompanying them were forced to land. One was wrecked without casualties. All three had lost their way. Earlier in the day a flying officer was killed in a crash in Essex following a collision with another machine. The collision was so slight that the pilot of the second machine was unaware of it. The R.A.F. death roll for 1931 is already seven. — Reuter.

Havana, Yesterday.
Army planes are cruising as sky pickets and infantry with fixed bayonets are guarding thousands of acres of sugar cane now ready to be harvested in view of the campaign of arson to start on Thursday against the sugar fields. Orders have been issued to shoot at sight anyone found firing on the cane. All the resources of the Secret Police have been devoted to discovering the persons responsible for the plot.

The Havana Police have been ordered to use their weapons without hesitation or regard to sex and to break up all demonstrations near the Presidential Palace where there have already been several disturbances, during one of which women supporters of the Government were partly stripped and publicly spanked by four women opponents. — Reuter's American Service.

CREW RESCUED.

BOAT FOUND HALF SUBMERGED.

In a report made to the Police, Kwong-yuen, master of a fishing junk, at Shaikwan, stated that at about 8 p.m. on January 8, whilst engaged in fishing on the south side of the Ninepins, he noticed a cargo boat lying a short distance away, which appeared to be half submerged.

He rescued the crew, which comprised three males. He took over the cargo, which consisted of kerosene oil, sugar and clothing. He brought them all back to Shaikwan, and adds in his report that he did not know what became of the boat.

MR. J. S. MACLAREN.

KNOCKS DOWN ELDERLY CHINESE.

Mr. J. S. MacLaren, an Assistant to the Colonial Treasurer, has reported to the Police that at about 7.30 p.m. on Sunday, whilst driving his car along Tai-po Road, near the Tai-po market, he knocked down a Chinese man, named Wong Lei (56) who lives in the market. The man received injuries to his head, and also suffered from concussion.

He was removed to the Kowloon Hospital, where he is lying in a serious condition.

FINE.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone is now central over the Lower Yangtze Valley. Strong monsoon prevails along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China sea. Forecast: — N. winds, strong; fine.

Rainfall.
Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 0.11 inch against an average of 0.33.

Temperature.
The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 8 o'clock was: —
Hong Kong 44
Macao 40
Pratas Island 65
Manilla 64
Fuchow 48
Amoy 46
Swatow 43
Chefoo 24
Shanghai 21

BRITISH IMPORTS LOWER FOR 1930.

Down £176,000,000 on Previous Year.

COTTON EXPORTS DROP.

London, Yesterday.
According to an official statement, British imports for 1930 are valued at £1,045,000,000, being a reduction of £176,000,000 on the previous year.

Exports for 1930 totalled £570,500,000, showing a reduction of £159,000,000.

The largest individual increases in imports were: —

Raw Cotton — £32,500,000.

Grain — £23,000,000.

Non-durable food and drink — £20,500,000.

Woolen materials — £18,000,000.

Lower Exports.

Among some of the outstanding reductions in exports were: —

Cotton — manufacturers — £48,000,000.

Iron and steel — £17,000,000.

Woolens — £16,000,000.

Re-exports for 1930 showed a decrease of 20 per cent. as compared with 1929. — Reuter.

DRUG RESTRICTION.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSES THE BRITISH SCHEME.

WORLD NEEDS ONLY.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The Advisory Opium Committee began a discussion to-day of the British draft of the scheme to limit the manufacture of narcotics to the amount annually needed for the world's legitimate requirements for medical and scientific purposes, and decided to appoint a sub-committee to draw up a list of the drugs to be covered by the proposed convention and the substances into which they might be converted. — Reuter.

AWARD REJECTED.

GERMAN MINERS REFUSE 6 PER CENT WAGE CUT.

TO BE COMPULSORY.

Cologne, Yesterday.
In spite of the Ruhr coal owners' and miners' rejection of the arbitrator's award of a six per cent. wage cut, the Labour Minister has declared that it will be compulsory.

The Communist threat to organise another strike has not materialised, and the pits are working normally. Further resistance to the wage cut is not anticipated. — Reuter.

EUROPEAN FINED.

PARKING HER CAR IN CHATER ROAD.

NOT "ALL RIGHT."

Mrs. W. G. L. Cooper, of "Der-rington," Bowen Road, was this morning summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistrate's court having caused an obstruction in Chater Road by parking her car there.

Sergeant Williamson said that the vehicle was parked a good distance out of the curve, towards Des Voeux Road, in Chater Road, outside A. S. Watson and Company. The front wheels were about two yards out, whilst the rear wheels were about two and a half yards out of the parking area.

Defendant stated that two cars passed her whilst she was parking, and thought that it was all right to leave her car as it was.

Obstruction To Traffic.
His Worship held that it would be necessarily be an obstruction to traffic.

Mrs. Cooper said that she put her car in as far as she could. There was a car in front of hers and one at the rear.

His Worship remarked that he had seen about half a dozen cars parked on the south of Chater Road every time he passed that way. He queried whether that was an offence or not, to park there.

Traffic-Inspector Alexander replied in the affirmative.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$5.

CHINESE STEAMER PIRATED.

First Class Passengers Kidnapped.

RAIDERS LOOT THE SHIP.

Another daring piracy, this time of a Chinese ship well-known in Northern coastal ports, was reported in a message radioed to the Water Police here at 5.50 this morning.

The message stated that on the evening of the 14th (Saturday), the China Merchants' S.N. Co.'s steamer Hsin Ming was captured by pirates, and later taken to Honghai Bay. The pirates then left the ship, taking with them three Chinese first-class passengers, and one of the commander's staff, together with a large quantity of cargo and loot. The communication concluded by stating that the vessel was then proceeding to Foochow.

This latest outrage by pirates has some puzzling aspects. Honghai Bay is the next one north of Bias Bay, its nearest point being about 70 miles from Hong Kong. The pirated vessel does not call at Hong Kong, being usually on the Northern run, to Tientsin and other ports, from Shanghai. Local officials of the company, whilst lacking any definite information as yet, incline to the opinion that the Hsin Ming, having been taken off this run temporarily owing to weather conditions in the North, might have been on a trip to Foochow, or other more southerly ports.

Pirates' Long Trip.

The exact location of the attack has not been definitely established, and it was agreed that the pirates must have brought the ship a very long way if it was made in the neighbourhood of Foochow, or even Swatow.

The officials added that they had no information going beyond the Police message. The Hsin Ming is under control of the Shanghai office, and consequently little is known of her movements locally. The captain's name, in the list last July, was given as Soden, but it is possible that changes may since have been made. As to her cargo and passenger list no details were available.

Same Old Gang!

The ship having been taken to Honghai Bay, it is a reasonable conjecture that the pirates belong to the same gang operating around Bias Bay. In the absence of further information, it would appear that this time they have extended their field of operations. However, so far back as 1926 the s.s. Hsin Fung was pirated en route from Shanghai to Tientsin and Chefoo, and was actually taken into Bias Bay four days afterward, having sailed 900 miles out of her course.

Other ships of the company pirated in later years were the s.s. Hsin Wah (since wrecked), between Shanghai and Hong Kong, in March, 1928, and the s.s. Hsin Chi, which was seized by pirates when beached on Tai Island in November of the same year.

From the details available, may be presumed that the Hsin Ming was seized in what is almost the traditional manner, the pirates going aboard as passengers, and attacking the ship on a concerted signal.

Built in Glasgow.

The Hsin Ming, (ex-Hsin Taihe), is described by Lloyd's Register as a steel screw steamer of 2,138 tons gross, and 1,428 net. She was built in 1907 by Messrs. Napier and Miller, of Glasgow, and is 270 feet long, 41.2 in breadth, and 20.2 in depth. She flies the Chinese flag, being registered in Shanghai.

Nova Scotia may yet become an exporter of potatoes instead of an importer, according to recent intimations in the Press, it being pointed out that the co-operative clubs throughout the province have in recent years improved the average product, not only so, but much so that the potatoes can now be compared with any imported stock.

ARREST OF WOMAN DICTATOR.

Fresh Outbreak of Rioting in India.

POLICE INJURED.

Karachi, Yesterday.
A hundred and fifty persons were injured, 50 seriously, during an affray lasting seven hours between Police and Congress followers, who attempted to hold a procession and meeting. The Police on three occasions charged with their lathis and made 36 arrests, which included Gomibai, the new woman dictator and 19 women who squatted in the middle of the road and refused to move. The Police Superintendent and some constables were injured by stone throwing.

Execution Protest.

Bombay, Yesterday.
One hundred and fifty persons have been sent to hospital, 30 of whom are in a serious condition, as a result of the rioting in protest against executions in Poona of four Indians who were sentenced to death in connection with the Sholapur riots last May. Allahabad, Yesterday.

The mob rescued two speakers who had been arrested by the Police at a Congress meeting held in the village of Kilanpur in defiance of the Ordinance against the instigation of non-payment of taxes. The mob attacked the Police with stones and lathis and an Indian Police officer used his revolver on the mob, seriously injuring one man. The crowd dispersed, eight Police having been injured.

Crowd Dispersed.

Belgaum, Yesterday.
Sixty persons were injured, six seriously, when Police made a lathi charge here and dispersed a procession held as a protest against the executions in Poona, in spite of the Magistrate's prohibition. — Reuter.

IRONSIDES ROUTED.

DISBANDMENT OF "RED" FORCES.

TERMS NOT ACCEPTED.

Canton, Yesterday.
President Chiang Kai-shek has telegraphically confirmed the appointment of General Mu Pu-nam as Chief of Staff of the 8th Route Army, succeeding General Wang Yam-wan promoted to Brigadier-General of the Kwangtung Training Brigade. General Mu has decided to take up the oath of his new office at the Provincial Government Building after holding the weekly memorial service to-day.

General Mu, an ex-divisional commander of the Ironside Army, gave up his post at the outbreak of the Ironside rebellion, and was appointed Councillor to the 8th Route Army last year. Because of his meritorious service rendered, he was recommended to the present post by General Chan Chai-tong.

Ironside Remnants.

The Ironside leaders are reported to have submitted their surrender under certain conditions which were, however, not accepted by the Canton military executive. According to a reliable report, the Ironside remnants formerly stationed along Luchow and Ching-ling have withdrawn to Posh where they will await further orders for a peaceful settlement.

The general idea is that General Mu will give more or less assistance in regard to a peaceful organization of the Ironside remnants now in Kwangsi, after his assumption of his new post. — Canton News Agency.

SLAVERY TO END.

LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT TO STAMP OUT THE EVIL.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The Secretariat of the League of Nations has issued a copy of the letter of the Liberian Charge d'Affaires in Geneva, stating that the Liberian Government accepts the principal of the recommendations of the International Commission of Enquiry and undertakes to apply them "to the full extent of its resources." — Reuter.

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time of the 12th Meridian, East of
Greenwich) are as follows:—

Jan.	Sunrise	Sunset
7	7.05	5.54
8	7.05	5.55
9	7.05	5.56
10	7.05	5.57
11	7.06	5.57
12	7.06	5.58
13	7.06	5.58
14	7.06	5.59
15	7.06	6.00
16	7.06	6.00
17	7.06	6.01
18	7.05	6.02
19	7.05	6.02
20	7.05	6.03
21	7.05	6.04
22	7.05	6.04
23	7.05	6.05
24	7.05	6.06
25	7.05	6.06
26	7.04	6.07
27	7.04	6.08
28	7.04	6.09
29	7.04	6.10
30	7.03	6.10
31	7.03	6.11

CONVERSATION AS IT PROPAGANDA BY
WAS. POSTAGE STAMPS.An Art That Is Lost to
the Moderns.

VICTORIAN VINTAGE.

Reviewing "A Victorian
Vintage: Best Stories from the
Diaries of M. E. Grant Duff." By
A. Tilney Bassett. (Methuen, 15s.
net.) Arthur A. Baumann, writes
in the Observer:It is long time since we had a
collection of good stories. The
reason is plain. Table-talk is a
lost art. The race of dinner wits,
Sydney Smith, Jekyll, Luttrell,
Samuel Rogers, Curran, perished
with Holland House, and for about
twenty years, between '60 and '70,
there was a blank period, during
which good things were not said,
or at least not reported. During
the last three decades of Victoria's
reign a number of clubs were
formed or revived on the
eighteenth-century model, where
clever men met for no other
purpose than to talk well. "The Club"
was rehabilitated, and there were
the Literary Society, the Dilettanti,
Grillions, and the Breakfast Club.
It sounds oddly at the present day
to speak of a club where men
would go to talk seriously, wittily,
or informatively, about politics,
literature, art, science, or any-
thing, quicquid agunt homines.
Grant Duff as an Under-Secretary
in Gladstone's first Government,
later as ex-Governor of Madras,
and author, was a member, though
his daughter, Mrs. Huth Jackson,
sums up with filial accuracy his
social and physical deficiencies, no
money, weak eyes, a bad voice, no
connections. She is less accurate
in her dates, for his appointment
to Madras was obviously 1881, not
as stated in the Biographical In-
troduction, 1891. Grant plus Duff
could do much but not enough to
induce Lord Cross to bestow a
Scotch Liberal, even though a
Unionist.This book contains the best
stories and sayings that Grant
Duff heard at these gatherings,
and set down in his diaries, be-
tween 1855 and 1901. Most of
them are good; few are chestnuts,
though some are old friends spilt
in transmission.What is a good story? Can any-
thing be more tiresome or ill-bred
than man who tells you story after
story? I believe the Americans
are the only people who now prac-
tise this odious habit, though I re-
member in my youth that Profes-
sor Henry Smith and Thorold
Rogers, unless checked, were very
tediously funny. Certain it is that
wit does not make you laugh.
William IV., when Duke of
Clarence, called across the street
to an old acquaintance: "I hear
you are the greatest blackguard in
Portsmouth." "I am very sorry
that your Royal Highness has come
down here to take away my charac-
ter" was the reply, and is very
likely true, as inspiration does
visit ordinary mortals. Tennyson,
according to Jowett, said: "That
is so witty that you cannot laugh
at it; it makes you grave." That
is the effect of most witty stories
upon me. The effect of wit upon
its object is to run him through
and pin him speechless to the wall.
Celts and Jews have almost a
monopoly of the hard flashing
diamonds of wit, and they nearly
all come back to Sheridan or
Heine, to Disraeli or Oscar Wilde,
or Lloyd George. Somebody ac-
cused Disraeli in debate of having
deserted Roebuck's camp. "I didn't
know the hon. member had a camp."
I thought he was the solitary sen-
tinel of a deserted fortress. When
Lord Beaconsfield in despair
sent for a homeopath, Gull, on
being asked why Dizzy had taken
up with a quack, answered,
"similia similibus curantur." That
strikes me as too good for Gull. A
good instance of pure wit, quoted
by Mr. Osbert Sitwell in a footnote
in his last book, is Oscar Wilde's
reply to a parvenu who asked him
what he thought of his portrait,
"Sir, it is a speaking likeness; but
there are times when it is better
to be silent."Very often a silly pun makes
you laugh. Leonard Montefiore
was fond of propounding the rid-
dle, "When the day breaks what
becomes of the pieces?" They go
into morning." Misunderstand-
ings, the ludicrous, and particu-
larly the unexpected, provoke laugh-
ter. A deaf peer at a reception
says to Lady X, "Are you going on
to Blank House?" Lady X, "No,
I am going to bed." Deaf peer:
"Then we shall meet again, very
soon." The story of the Jews
wrecked on a deserted island, is
not bad. "A sail, a sail!" cries
some one. A dying Hebrew raises
himself in his elbow; "A sail,
Holy Moses, and I have not got a
catalogue." I had always regard-
ed Dr. Stubbs, the Bishop of Ox-
ford, as a Dryasdust. It appears
from these pages that he was
at least a Jester. Someone
complained that a person who hadVirgil Enlisted for Sword
Rattling Purposes.

OBJECTIONS MADE.

Paris, November 5.
The mails of Europe tremble
with the sword rattling of Virgil
on Stamps stuck to letters originat-
ing in Italy, these days, and the
other Governments of Europe are
wondering whether there was any-
thing intentional behind the selec-
tion of Virgil's creations to de-
corate postage stamps."You, Romans, dream of extend-
ing your empire over the nations
and governing them," is one of
the ardent phrases quoted from
Virgil by the Fascist Italian Minis-
ter of Mails and printed in large
letters on the most used stamp on
the series, the 20 centime issue.Adapted Quotations.
Objections are heard to the
liberties taken with other quota-
tions of Virgil which seem to have
been adapted to the occasion with-
out much regard for historical
fact."We have resources and our
youth has not been touched," says
one of the contested quotations,
and good translation point out that
is not at all what the original text
of Virgil states. In the original,
Virgil makes Turnus, in addressing
the chiefs of his army, voice the
supposition: "If we still have re-
sources and if our youth is un-
touched."Some of the other stamps of the
Virgil issue carry phrases which
are less bellicose and more for
bolstering up national morale, such
as "Salute, land of Saturn,
land rich in harvests," and
"Oh, happy inhabitants of the
countryside; if they but know their
good fortune."The tone of certain of the quota-
tions, following so closely after the
famed nude postage stamp of the
Spanish Goya series has led to a
renewed agitation for a stamp
censor in the World Postal Union.
—United Press.

NATIONAL PUBLICITY.

Attracting Travellers To
Britain.The Duke of York, proposing the
toast of "The Association" at the
annual dinner on November 12 of
the Travel Association of Great
Britain and Ireland, at which
Lord Derby presided, said that it
was high time for such an associa-
tion to be formed, for this country
had been very slow to realise the
importance of national publicity.Never before in the history of
the world has travel been so easy,
so cheap, or undertaken by so many
people. But until recently, the
ever-increasing tide of travellers
did not flow in any volume into our
own country. The Travel Associa-
tion was formed to let the world
know that Great Britain and Ire-
land were pleasant and interesting
places to visit. It was using the
modern methods of publicity, wire-
less, the poster, the photograph, the
cinema, and, above all, the Press.

TUBERCULOSIS AMONG CATTLE.

Efficacy Of Spahlinger
Vaccine.The Aga Khan, presiding over
a meeting at the Ritz Hotel, Lon-
don, announced that the test of
the Spahlinger vaccine for im-
munication of cattle against tuber-
culosis conducted by the Norfolk
Supervision Committee of Control
had proved its efficacy beyond
doubt. The signatories to the
document attesting to the value of
Dr. Spahlinger's work include the
Aga Khan, the Marquess of Crewe,
Dr. Drummond-Sheple, Sir Archibald
Weigall, Sir Arthur Stanley
and Mr. Gilbert, President of the
British Friesian Cattle Society.no right to it had appeared public-
ly in an Oxford hood. "It is," he
said, "a very great impudence."
"It's worse than impudence," re-
plied the Bishop, "it's a falsehood."There are graver things than
puns and epigrams in this "per-
petual feast of nectar" sweets.
Grant Duff, at a dinner at the
India Office, sat next to that great
Indian administrator, Sir John
Strachey. They discussed Bright's
speeches against the Great Com-
pany (in the 'fifties). "He made
many mistakes," said Strachey,
"but he had got hold of the two
cardinal truths about our position
in the East—that there is no such
country as India, and that the
Indians, as a people, do not exist."
That sentence, in letters of red and
gold, ought to be nailed to the wall
of the Secretary of State's room.
Grillion's club still flourishes,
and its dinners, held in some
restaurant, are still attended by
bishops, judges, Cabinet Ministers,
and authors. But what has become
of the wit? It has evaporated, or
it, at least a Jester. Someone
complained that a person who hadFOREIGN VISITORS TO
BRITAIN.Duke of York on Value
of Publicity.

AGE OF TRAVEL.

The Travel Association of Great
Britain and Ireland held its annual
dinner at Grosvenor House, with
the Duke of York as the chief
guest. Lord Derby presided.The Duke of York, proposing the
toast of the Association, said
that he had been deeply in-
terested in the association since
its beginning. It was high
time for such an association to be
formed, for we had been very slow
to realize the importance of na-
tional publicity."The age we live in," he contin-
ued, "is an age of travel. Never
before in the history of the world
has travel been so easy, so cheap,
or undertaken by so many people.
But, till recently, the ever-increas-
ing tide of travellers did not flow
in any volume into our own coun-
try. We were slow to realize the
value of the visitor from overseas,
though he has, in fact, become a
most valuable asset. Economically,
he is valuable because of the money
he spends in the country he is visit-
ing, which goes to swell the national
income. But the promotion of
travel is also valuable because it
assists in the all-important task of
promoting international under-
standing, which is the surest basis
for the peace of the world.""As I have said, we have realized
the economic and political value of
the visitor from abroad, and we
have also realized, perhaps for the
first time, that our country has
something to offer. We know that
our country-side is beautiful, and
we know that from many different
points of view, architecture, or
sport, scenery, or amusement, we
have much to be proud of, and
much which the visitor will find of
interest. The Travel Association
was formed, then, to let the world
know that Great Britain and Ire-
land are pleasant and interesting
places to visit. It is, I am de-
lighted to learn, using all modern
methods of publicity: wireless,
the poster, the photograph, the
cinema, and, above all, the
Press. The Press can do an
enormous amount to help on the
great work for which your associa-
tion has been formed, and I am sure
it will not fail to do so. Not only
can it send out the ordinary propa-
ganda, but it can supply news
which will appeal to travellers
from all over the world, and so add
an additional interest in the Brit-
ish Isles. Numbers of people
abroad tend to form wrong im-
pressions of life and events here,
and that is what we want to see
put right.""Here, again, the Travel Associa-
tion comes in. It is one of its
functions to draw the attention of
the overseas Press to the enormous
variety of life and events in this
country, and the foreign Press re-
presentatives are, I am sure, as
grateful to us for opening our coun-
try to their gaze as we are to them
for recording so intelligently what
they see and hear. We like to wel-
come our fellow guests from the
great Dominions, India, and the
Colonies, and to feel that these
islands are home to them. Like-
wise, we welcome our friends from
the other nations of the world, both
great and small. It does us good
to get their view-points, and it
must be of benefit that we should
understand a little more of each
other's outlook and problems."The American Ambassador said
that 405,000 tourists from the
United States had travelled to
Europe up to November 3, 1930
and of that number 130,000
came to Great Britain. This coun-
try was beginning to draw visitorsCHINESE MINER'S
QUANDARY.Kept By Coolies
Till Pay Day.

CAR AS SECURITY.

The story of how a well-known
Kuala Lumpur Chinese miner was
threatened by his coolies a few
days ago and was forced to leave
his car behind as a pledge, is re-
lated in the Malaysian Daily Ex-
press.It appears that the gentleman
went to inspect his mine which is
near Kuala Lumpur and that he
was accorded a very hearty wel-
come by some of his 40 coolies.
The coolies asked him for their
wages and were soon joined by
the rest of the gang who chorus-
ed their difficult position and asked
him for at least some money
as they would otherwise have to
starve.The mine owner told them that
times were bad and that he had
no money with him then but if
they would wait for a few days
he might be able to obtain some
money.

Walk to Kuala Lumpur.

The coolies who, it is alleged,
had not been paid for several
months, would not hear of it.
They insisted on being paid forth-
with. He begged of them to bear
with him for a few days longer.
A few of the coolies stepped
forward and suggested to him that
he should leave his car at the
kongsi and walk to Kuala Lumpur
where he would be able to obtain
money for them. He could then
return and "redeem" his car.He was only attended by his
driver and as the attitude of the
coolies was threatening he had no
alternative but to leave the car
behind and walk until he obtain-
ed a bus.The position, has apparently,
not yet altered and the driver
thought he might succeed
in bringing the car away surrep-
titiously but the moment he start-
ed the engine, the coolies rushed
out of the kongsi armed with sticks
and he fled.

GODLESS CAMPAIGN

1,200 ATHEISTIC BOOKS
PRINTED IN YEARS.Riga (Latvia), Nov. 12.
The Soviet paper "Godless" has
taken the occasion of the 13th an-
niversary of the October revolution
to remind its readers that the cele-
brations mark also the 18th
anniversary of Godless publica-
tions.The paper announces that dur-
ing three years no fewer than
1,200 different Godless books have
been published in the U.S.S.R.Another article in the same
paper, entitled "The Anglican
Church and the October Revolution,"
remarks that the Anglican
Church has for 13 years organ-
ized a campaign against the U.S.S.R.,
and is at the moment preparing a
fresh attack.Much attention is given by the
paper to the approaching fourth
international congress of the Pro-
letarian Godless, which, it de-
clares, will provide a new inter-
national fighting organisation for
the working class.From the great middle classes of the
United States. It is getting the
most intelligent class of Ameri-
can tourists.At the annual meeting of the
Travel Association of Great Britain
and Ireland, Lord Derby said the
number of foreign visitors to Eng-
land during the last four years
showed a steady increase. The
figures for nine months in each year
were:—1927, 839,049 1928, 864,
775; 1929, 880,917; 1930, 885,112.

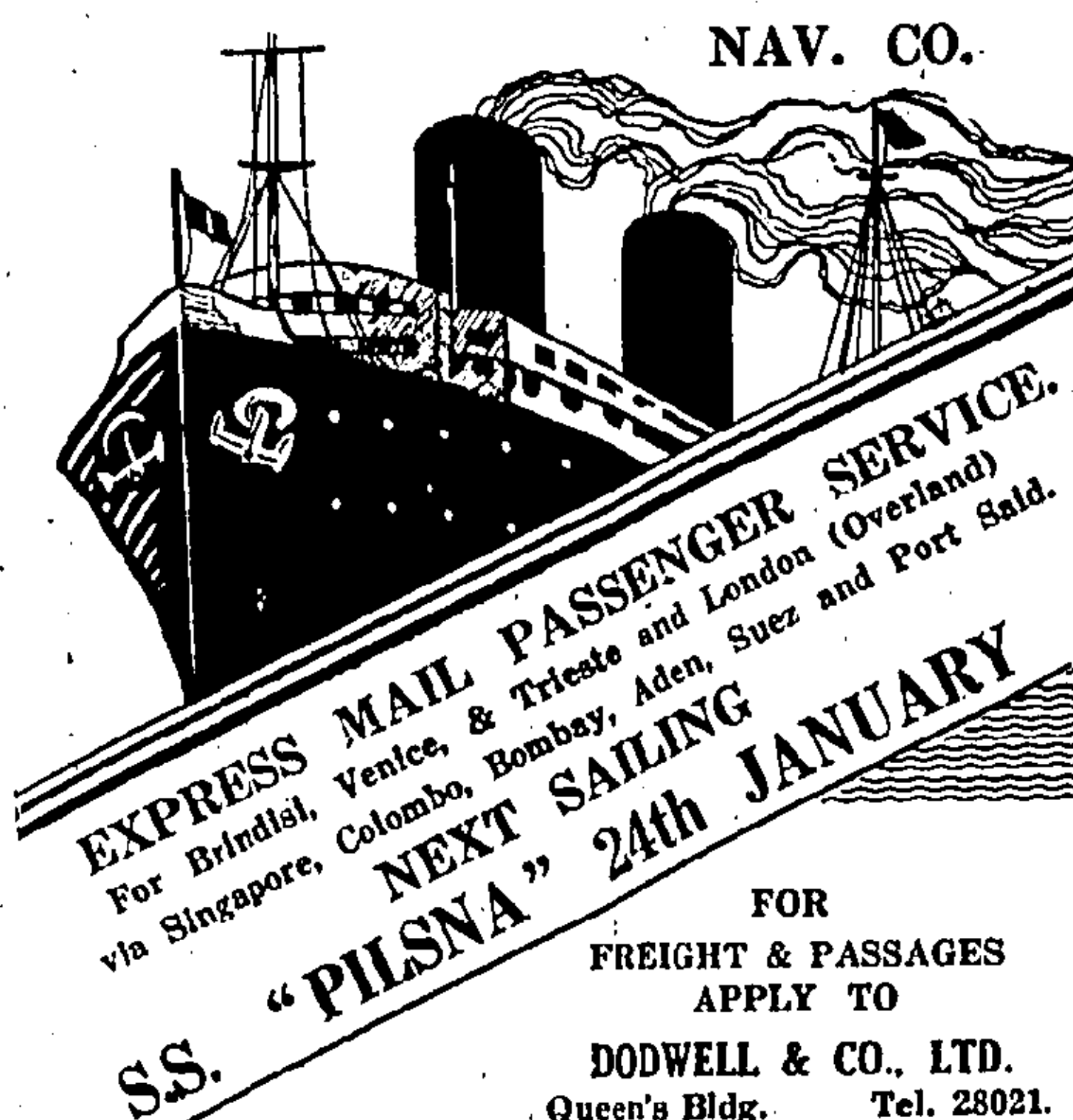
Pensioners Travel

A recent check-up of Canadian Pacific train No. 4 from Vancouver to
Toronto revealed the fact that there were five Canadian Pacific
Railway pensioners on board with an aggregate record of 228 years
service with the company. Left to right, they are:—William Corbett,
passenger agent, Toronto; 35 years service; W. Shields, blacksmith,
Winnipeg; 45 years service; John Llewellyn, engineer, Toronto; 47 years
service; Nicholas Leber, Bobberygon, engineer, 50 years service; and
W. Munson, Carleton Place, section-man, 48 years service.

EAST OF SUEZ.

Brief News Items From
Far and Near.A band of 100 pirates landed in
a small island outside Woosung
several days ago and, after looting
the 200 villagers' houses, kidnapped
19 persons, including a number of
women.A number of local merchants are
organising a new bank to be known
as the Hsin Foo Banking Corpora-
tion with a capital of \$1,000,000.
Endeavours are being made to
obtain registration with the Minis-
tries of Finance and Industry.At 4.30 a.m. on the first morning
of the new year, the master of a
Norwegian ship in Shanghai, while
in a Central district cafe, felt for
his wallet, which, he asserted, con-
tained \$1,250. It was missing. He
informed the police, after their ar-
rival, that he had visited other
places as well and no trace of the
missing wallet has been found.The engagement is announced of
Georgina Agnes Fuller, daughter
of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. W.
Payton-Fuller of London, to Robert
Leo Barkus, only son of Mrs. Edith
Barkus, and the late Mr. W. J.
Barkus, of Shanghai.The engagement is announced
between Edna V. Williams,
daughter of Mrs. I. Williams, of
Shanghai, and Charles N. Brown,
Public Health Department, S.M.C.The Opium Suppression Commit-
tee has petitioned Nanking for the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs to
secure the right of searching
foreign vessels for opium and other
contraband.Gen. Shan Cheng, the leading
Shansi General, has sent a tele-
gram to Gen. Chiang Kai-shek,
asking that Dr. H. H. Kung, Minis-
ter of Industry, should be ap-
pointed chairman of the Shansi
Provincial Government.A Shanghai Chinese contractor
has been awarded a contract by the
National Government for the lay-
ing out of a large cemetery in
Nanking for the burial of the
Government officers and soldiers
who lost their lives during the re-
cent anti-northern military cam-
paign. The cemetery will cost
\$800,000.Capt. Yin Kuang-yu, acting
director of the Naval Reorganisa-
tion Office in Shanghai, who was
formerly Chief of Staff to the
Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese
Fleet, has been promoted Vice-
Admiral and Councillor to the
Ministry of Navy.In order to carry out his re-
trenchment programme, Gen. Chang
Chun, Mayor of Greater Shanghai,
has ordered the abolition of three
departments of the City Govern-
ment. Superfluous employees will
be removed from office whilst others
who have proved worthy of their
hire will be given appointments in
other departments.At the inquest on the hunter, Dr.
R. L. Magoon of Umali, Ceylon, it
was revealed that the murder was
premeditated, following a violent
domestic quarrel regarding Dr.
Magoon's previous relations with
women who had lived in his house
during the past three years.The marriage is announced of
W. A. Pennell and Mary Seaborn,
both of Shanghai, at Sydney, New
South Wales, on December 30. Mr.
Pennell, who has been associated
with the art department of the
B.A.T. for many years, is well
known in local golfing circles, and
gained the billiards championship
for two years in succession.
He is the eldest son of the late Col.
W. Pennell, R.A., and himself
served with the artillery in the Aus-
tralian Imperial Forces throughout
the Great War. Mr. and Mrs.
Pennell will return to Shanghai
possibly in April.Mr. A. M. Morad, the first Bengal
Mualim to get a licence, is compet-
ing for the Aga Khan's prize for
a flight from India to Cape Town.Col. Yuan Liang, Commissioner
of Public Safety for Greater Shang-
hai, has been granted a month's
leave on account of illness.AN INTRODUCTORY
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CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.	Himalaya Maru	Tues.,	20th Jan.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Africa Maru (From Shanghai)	Sat.,	24th Jan.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama, Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kwanto Maru	Wed.,	14th Jan.
JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).			
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DECLINE IN CARGO SHIPS.

Although, according to The Motor Ship, 142 motor ships of over 1,000 tons gross have been ordered since the beginning of the year, 91 were tankers and 51 cargo and passenger vessels. But the latter were mainly of small size, and excluding Russia, which scarcely affects the shipbuilding situation, only 15 cargo and passenger motor vessels of 4,000 tons gross and upwards have been laid down since January 1. Assuming an equal number of steamers, this means that 80 such vessels have been ordered, whereas in a normal year there would be between 300 and 350 laid down in the shipyards of the world. As, sooner or later, obsolete tonnage has to be replaced, and a certain average tonnage of new vessels must be ordered, it is clear that in spite of present shipping depression, substantial contracts will have to be placed for new cargo vessels. It is believed that the demand for new tonnage will centre more around the fast cargo liner class of ship than the tramp, in which case, oil-engine propulsion is likely to make further progress, since the majority of the fast cargo liners built during recent years are propelled by internal-combustion machinery.



WORLD'S LARGEST GRAVING DOCK.

Southampton to Provide for New Cunarders.

COMPANY'S DECISION.

With a view to meeting the request of the Cunard Steamship Company that accommodation shall be provided at Southampton for the purpose of dry-docking the new vessel which they propose to construct, and in consequence of the Government having undertaken to render assistance under the Development (Loan Guarantee and Grants) Act, 1929, the directors of the Southern Railway have agreed to build at Southampton a new graving dock, 1,200 feet long and 135 feet wide at entrance, with a depth of 45 feet. This dock, which will be the largest in the world, will ultimately replace the existing floating dock now installed at Southampton.

The Southern Railway directors have further decided to put in hand immediately the second stage of the Southampton Dock Extension Scheme, and the Government have also undertaken to assist this work in the above-mentioned Act.

"Floater" Scheme Abandoned.

When the dry-docking accommodation for the new Cunarder was first raised, it was suggested that the existing 60,000-ton floating dock should be lengthened by the addition of one or two sections to supplement the seven of which it was built, but this idea has now been abandoned (states our Southampton correspondent).

The naval architects who were consulted were certain that the arrangement would be feasible, but some doubt might well have been felt as to the effect of placing upon the structure after extension a vessel several thousand tons heavier than any contemplated when the main portion was designed. Unquestionably new stresses would be created, and whether or not they would be effectively provided for in the very considerable alteration would be to some extent at least a point to be settled by actual experience.

The graving dock will cost much more than even a new "floater," but its maintenance will be less and there are other advantages to be taken into account. To ensure that it will meet the requirements of even greater vessels than the projected Cunarders, the railway company have decided to leave a margin of 182 feet with which to meet any challenge which may come from shipping companies in the future.

As to the site of the new graving dock, it may be in one of two places. At the extreme end of the docks extension at Millbrook the plans have shown an area set aside for such accommodation, but it may also be recalled that the Southern Railway Company own a considerable stretch of the Western shore at Woolton.

It is presumed that the graving dock will take at least three years to complete, and as the new Cunarder will take about the same period to build, Southampton will be quite ready to receive the vessel upon her delivery from the yard of Messrs. John Brown and Co., Ltd., of Clydebank.

Comparison With Other Docks.

For the sake of comparison it may be mentioned that the present largest graving dock at Southampton, the Trafalgar Dry Dock, is 412 ft. 3 in. in length overall, and has a width at the gates of 100 ft. The "floater" is 960 ft. long overall, and has a width at entrance of 134 ft.

The new graving dock will gain for Southampton the distinction of possessing the biggest dock of this type in the world. At the present time the largest is at Boston, U.S.A., where the Navy Department owns the Commonwealth Dry Dock. This is 1,200 feet long, the length of the proposed new Southampton dock, but its breadth at the entrance is only 120 feet, which is decidedly narrower. The Commonwealth Dry Dock has a depth of water of 46 feet above the all at ordinary spring tides, and it is so designed that it can be divided into two distinct sections, which are capable of accommodating vessels of 635 feet and 490 feet respectively. It is in this dock that the American battleship Leviathan is accommodated for her overhauls.

The largest graving dock in the United Kingdom at present is the Gladstone Dock at Liverpool, which has a length of 1,050 ft., a width of 120 feet at ordinary spring tides. The new graving dock to be built at Southampton will thus exceed in every respect the dimensions of the Merseyside dock.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Sunday, Jan. 11.
Feng Lee, Chinese str., 1,259 tons, Capt. G. Yamaji, from Swatow, buoy No. B18.—Loong Tai Hong.
Kawachi Maru, Japanese str., 3,866 tons, Capt. T. Fujita, from Singapore, buoy No. A2.—N.Y.K.
Ryoho Maru, Japanese str., 1,981 tons, Capt. O. Ezawa, from Hongkong, buoy No. B23.—D.K.K.
Tai Lee, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. Z. Masaki, from Chefoo, buoy No. C4.—Loong Tai Hong.
Tjisaroea, Dutch str., 4,394 tons, Capt. T. P. Schittenburg, from Amoy, buoy No. A7.—J.C.J.L.
Yei Maru, Japanese str., 1,849 tons, Capt. K. Izumi, from Canton, Yaumati.—Hidaka & Co.

Monday, Jan. 12.
Amazon Maru, Japanese str., 4,823 tons, Capt. T. Tasaki, from Hamburg, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.
Derflinger, German str., 9,162 tons, Capt. Th. Thele, from Bremen and Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Melchers & Co.
Kwangchow, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. C. B. L. Stringer, from Swatow, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Luchow, British str., 1,221 tons, Capt. W. T. Paul, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.
Nevada, American str., 3,517 tons, Capt. J. S. Smith, from Shanghai, Stonecutters Anchorage.—States S.S. Co.
President Madison, American str., 8,341 tons, Capt. D. C. Austin, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—American Mail Line.

President Pierce, American str., 8,993 tons, Capt. J. J. Cadogan, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.
Suifu, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. J. M. Byrne, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.
Taiyuan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Amoy, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Toyo Maru, Japanese str., 1,310 tons, Capt. G. Hayakawa, from Wel-haf-wai, buoy No. C2.—D.K.K.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

Berwick—In Whampoa Dock.
Cornflower—In dock.
Herald—South wall.
Iroquois—North wall.
Marathon—North wall.
Medway—North arm.
Moorhen—South wall.
Odin—North arm.
Osiris—East wall.
Oswald—East wall.
Tamar—Basin.
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Hai Chow—Chinese cruiser.
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Ying Swel—Chinese cruiser.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Nagasaki on January 11 (Sun.) at 6.30 p.m., left Nagasaki on January 12 (Mon.) at 6 a.m., and was due at Kobe on January 13 (Tues.) at 6 a.m. She leaves Kobe on January 13 (Tues.) at 5 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived at Honolulu on January 9 (Fri.) at 10 a.m., left Honolulu on January 9 (Fri.) at 5 p.m., and is due at Yokohama on January 18 (Sun.), and at Hong Kong on January 26 (Mon.).

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Canada arrived at Vancouver on January 10 (Saturday), left Vancouver on January 17 (Saturday), and is due at Hong Kong on February 7 (Saturday). She leaves Hong Kong for Manila on February 7 (Saturday).

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Japan (from Manila) is due here at 1 p.m. on January 14 (Wednesday), and will anchor off Kowloon Docks.

THE MOTOR SHIP.

Temple Press, Ltd., send us a copy of the December issue of The Motor Ship. The following subjects are dealt with in this issue:—The New Scott-Two-stroke Diesel Engine. (Fully Illustrated). A 10,000-ton Standard Oil Tanker. (Fully Illustrated with Plans). Comparative Performances of Sister Motor Liners. A 1,000 h.p. Horizontal Oil Engine. Motor Tugs for Siberian Rivers. A New 15-knot Express Cargo Service.

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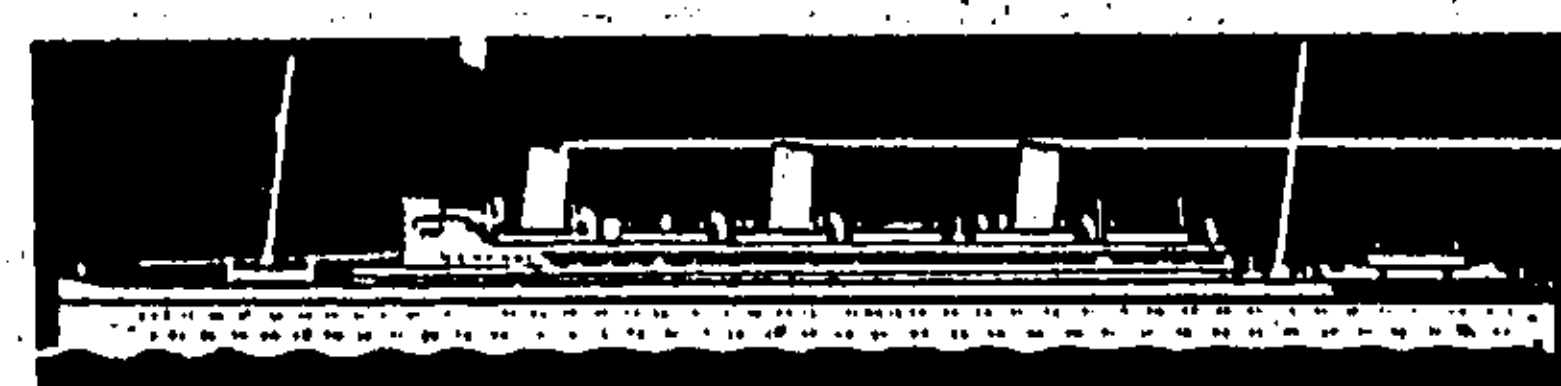
Account of an Unusual Voyage.

SUBMARINING IN ASIA.

London, November 20.
Dr. F. A. Vening Meinesz gave an interesting lecture on Monday night at the Royal Geographical Society Institute on "By Submarine through the Netherlands East Indies. The President of the Society, Admiral Sir William Goodenough was in the Chair, and His Excellency the Dutch Ambassador was present.

The lecture was helped by lantern slides which showed up very effectively in a new modern hall completed this year for the Society. Before starting the lecture Dr. Meinesz said he would like to pay tribute to the Commander of the Navy Forces who gave him the submarine for the investigations which he undertook and which lasted for nearly eight months. He opened the lantern lecture by showing slides of the submarine and the interior of the submarine to show in what close quarters they had to live. Life in the closed quarters was really very curious and one invariably got in the way of somebody, but on the other hand the life led to good championship. His investigations made it necessary to dive a great number of times—generally they had to submerge three or four times a day, one or two of which were during the night time, and submerging in the Tropics was not a very agreeable business. Life on board had one or two disagreeable sides. One was that the air was generally not very good and secondly there was an absolute lack of exercise. It was very helpful when they could go round the deck but it was very rare that the sea was calm enough—sometimes they could only get up for two days out of two months. He showed many interesting slides of the submarine in a rough sea and pointed out that from it you saw the sea and animal life in a way not possible by any other form of transport. Once they saw near Sourabaya an enormous flat fish of a diameter of between 15 and 20 feet. One saw slides showing the number of men it was possible to get on the tower, photographs of the officers and the captain, and of the deck on a hot day when a gramophone was taken up.

Start from Sourabaya.
Dr. Meinesz then showed pictures of certain parts of the West Indies on his first trip which lasted for two months. They started from Sourabaya through into the Indian Ocean, spending a few days on the islands they passed, eventually into the Bay of New Guinea travelling inland on an excursion 80 miles from the coast, and finally back to the island of Bombo, eventually north of New Guinea into the Pacific and back to Sourabaya. They submerged more than 100 times in these two months. He showed pictures of the various islands they had visited on this trip showing how some had been isolated from civilisation for a very long time and tracing the ancestors of many of the islanders; he also showed specimens of architecture showing beautiful gateways, temples—ones showing a bicycle in its decoration. He pointed out that scientists now think they can trace four waves of people from the prehistorical one in the beginning to the Christian era, but since then the Malay wave had come over the Archipelago. You still found in isolated villages the kind of people who were not related to the last Malay wave. He showed pictures of the island of Timor near the Australian Coast showing streets from the 17th centuries, while he said that on all the islands you found developing textile industry. Once they had the adventure of a man overboard from the submarine who was mending a part in a rough sea. Happily, however, they were able to rescue him. In the Bay of New Guinea he showed the picture of the chief of one of the islands who came out to them in a canoe, clothed in weird garments and a cap evidently got from a lift boy. Although the canoe looked very frail he asked if he might have a tow which was granted. They took him along to his great danger but he did not seem to mind and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. An interesting slide was that of an old sultan who visited them from one of the islands and whose picture was taken amid the crew. When hearing his destination they took him from one of the surrounding islands to his own domain, the captain asked him if he would like the submarine to submerge about half an hour and come up with him.



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in front of his own island so that he could step up as though he had emerged from the waves. The idea appealed to him but he did not quite have the courage. He eventually agreed, however, and the submarine came up very splendidly and the boats surrounding it cheered mightily. Dr. Meinesz expected the event would go down in his country's history. He was very pleased and gave a nice festival to them all in the evening.

The second trip was made round the island of Celebes. It was favoured by very nice weather and life on board was very agreeable. He showed many slides of the villages they passed. An interesting one showed houses built on piles inhabited by pirates, fishermen and seafaring men. The houses were built on the water and the occupants did not go to the coast. Some interesting slides showed the crew of the submarine making friends with an eagle which they were offered for fourpence. Dr. Meinesz could not believe that an eagle could get so friendly. Of course we saw slides of Macassar and its interesting 17th century buildings. The third trip was along the West Coast of Sumatra to Padang and eventually back to Sourabaya along the East Coast. He pointed out that some of the islands developed quite independently and were very primitive, some never having seen a submarine, while some of the women dressed in long sleeves. They had a trip into Sumatra and took many slides of great interest from all points of view while his last picture was their arrival in Sourabaya. He said he could not leave the topic without recording the curious remark by a native boy of 17 years who overheard some people grumble. He said "They ought not to grumble so because people who grumble become very soon old." That seemed remarkable to hear from a young native boy.

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*SOMALI	9,114	23rd May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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*TALAMBA	8,018	6th Jun.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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*COMORIN	15,132	11th Jul.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KASHMIR	9,885	18th Jul.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KASHGAR	9,005	25th Jul.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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Washington, December 4.
An effort to make American dirigibles and aeroplanes eligible for foreign mail contracts was launched in Congress to-day by Senator Charles L. McNary, Republican of Oregon. Senator McNary introduced into the Senate a bill designed to give American aeroplanes and dirigibles, with respect to mail contracts, the same status as that now enjoyed by steamships flying the Stars and Stripes.

The rapid advance of aviation and the prospect that dirigibles will soon be operating on regular schedule over the Pacific basin caused Senator McNary to introduce his bill. He said that the Goodyear-Zeppelin Company is preparing to establish a dirigible line from California to Honolulu and thence to Manila. From Manila aeroplanes or dirigibles would operate to ports in China and Japan.

Senator McNary also drew attention to the prospect of regular commercial dirigible and aeroplane lines across the Atlantic ocean as well as those now operating between North and South America. There are also aeroplane lines in operation in the areas touched by the waters of the Caribbean Sea. Aircraft development corporations. Senator McNary said, should be encouraged in their efforts by making it possible for all varieties of mail carrying contracts to be awarded to them.

ELECTRIC SHIPS.

LORD INCHCAPE PEEPS INTO THE FUTURE.

London, Nov. 28.
The electrical engineers who at the beginning of the present century were the first of their profession to be placed in charge of the electric lighting when it was installed aboard the Peninsula and Orient liners were naturally known to all the crews as "batti-wallahs," an appellation which they in turn adopted and perpetuated by forming the batti-wallahs' Club. They were then few in numbers, but at the Club grew and flourished, and at a luncheon in London this week the Club was addressed by Lord Inchcape. The chairman of the Peninsula and Orient Company took advantage of the occasion to point out to the Club that the future of the ship was in the future. He pointed out that no problem in mechanical research was more vital to Britain as a maritime nation than the economical development of power for ships, and he thought it was not extravagant to anticipate that the time would come when ships would be propelled, heated and lighted by the wireless transmission of current. It was possible, he said, that the sun's endless stores of heat and radiant energy might yet be harnessed to the service of mankind that should further reduce the cost of ocean travel.

WALTER RUNCIMAN.

A GREAT SHIPPING MAGNATE.

London, Nov. 28.
No fewer than 24 shipping companies are now practically under the control of Mr. Walter Runciman, who was appointed deputy chairman of a number of companies connected with the Royal Mail Steam Packet group following the leave of absence granted to Lord Kylsant, who is visiting South Africa. Mr. Runciman is also a director of two banks and of one of the big railway companies, and it is not surprising that he informed a Press interviewer that he worked from nine till seven daily and then took work home for the evening. The companies under him include

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The Royal Mail, the White Star and the Oceanic Lines, but he said: "The offices are mostly under one roof and they are all associated, so the work of management is not so vast as would appear."

"Nor is there a salary for each company," he added with a smile. Mr. Runciman pointed out that the shipping concerns in question were of national importance, and he had taken on his latest work at the request of the banks and the Treasury. One company—Lampport and Holt—was in the hands of the receiver, and the management and things generally were bad. "I cannot see a gleam of light ahead yet for shipping, but if world-trade improves the prospects will of course be brighter."

The suggestion that the extent of his business interests might cause his retirement from politics was ridiculed by Mr. Runciman. Politics he regarded as a recreation, provided one was not in office. It was true that he had not been in the House of Commons regularly, but he had been there for every important division and never neglected the interests of his constituents.

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Hong Kong, Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1931.

CARE OF ANIMALS.

By one of those unexplainable
coincidences there appear in the
Press two striking items in re-
gard to the welfare of animals.

It was reported in the *China
Mail* yesterday that two Chinese
had been charged in the Kowloon
Magistracy with wanton cruelty

to a dog by roasting it alive in
Ngau Shi Wan village. From an
Indian constable's evidence it was
alleged that whilst on patrol duty

in Ngau Shi Wan village he heard
the dog howling, and on investi-
gating found the two defendants
roasting it. The animal was tied

to a stick which was used as a spit,
the men slowly turning it around,
obviously to ensure even cooking.

The dog was taken to the Police
Station, but on arrival found to
be dead, afterwards being taken
to Ma Tau Kok slaughter house.

Later, however, Sub-Inspector
Elston stated that a post-mortem
examination of the dog had been
made, and the Veterinary Sur-
geon's opinion was that the dog
had been suffocated before roast-

ed. The case was withdrawn!

Animal lovers will doubtless feel
some dissatisfaction with the
withdrawal of the case before the
reason for the suffocation of the dog.

Does not suffocation imply cruelty on the
face of it? Does not this of it-
self warrant proceedings against

the two persons originally
charged with roasting it alive?
Is it open to anyone, without
committing a breach of the law,

to suffocate an animal for the pur-
pose of subsequently roasting it?
Surely not! The evidence, if
faithfully reported, did not as-

sert that the dog had been suf-
focated accidentally; and, there-
fore, the obvious inference is that
it was suffocated "wilfully and
with malice aforethought." It
is to be hoped that the officials
of the Society for the Prevention
of Cruelty to Animals will probe
into the incident deeper, and ob-
tain some more satisfactory ex-
planation for the withdrawal of
the case without an alternative
charge being framed against the
two Chinese caught in the act of
roasting the animal.

The next item of interest is the
letter from the President of the
Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Animals referring to
the recent financial drive. He
states that "the ready response
and the co-operation of all con-
cerned expresses in itself the
necessity for such an organiza-

tion. . . . The total sum col-
lected amounts to \$4,744.85, which
will enable the Society to carry
on the good work of animal wel-
fare for a continued period."

This is a result on which the
Society is to be heartily con-
gratulated. Its humanitarian work
in the interests of dumb animals
can never be under-estimated.

Given a continuance of public
sympathy and co-operation, there
should be no end to that inval-
uable work!

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature
yesterday was 50 degrees, the
highest on Sunday being 67 de-
grees. The humidity at 10 a.m.
yesterday was 64 degrees and, at
10 p.m. 56 degrees.

The Hon. Secretary of the
University Amateur Photographic
Club informs us that Messrs.
Eastman Kodak and Co. presented
three silver medals, and that
Messrs. Wing On and Co. present-
ed a handsome silver shield for the
recent exhibition.

The licensee of a distillery at
Tin Aw Wan appeared before Mr.
R. E. Lindsay in the Central Police
Court this morning, charged with
having had in his possession five
false labels. Mr. H. Lo appeared
for the defence, and the case was
remanded for a week, defendant
being allowed bail of \$2,000.

The profit realised by the
Fote in aid of the Kow-
loon Branch, Helena May In-
stitute, after deducting ex-
penses, was \$2,004.82, to which
amount Sir Elly Kadoorie has ad-
ded \$1,000, a most generous dona-
tion, which the Committee feel
should be publicly acknowledged.

On enquiries made at the Kow-
loon Hospital, this morning, con-
cerning Mr. J. J. Hirst, Assistant
Superintendent of the Botanical and
Forestry Department, who is seri-
ously ill with diphtheria, it was
learned that he is still in a criti-
cal condition. However, hope
for his recovery is entertained by
his friends.

Mr. X. B. Lee, building contrac-
tor, at 33, Pottinger Street, has
reported to the Police that be-
tween 3.40 a.m. on January 9 and
10 o'clock last night, some person
stole from the basement of 55-57,
Wong Nei Chung Road, two elec-
tric motor pumps.

Ng Siu-lung, stated to be un-
employed and living at the Lee
Theatre, has notified the Police
that at about 11.30 last night,
whilst walking along Queen's Road
East, near the junction of Tai
Hang Street, four or five men, who
were coming towards him, jostled
him as they passed by. They then
went away, and later Ng discovered
that his silver watch and gold
chain, valued at \$240, had been
stolen.

Cheung Shan, described by De-
tective Inspector Fallon as the
Kowloon Magistrate's morning,
as a gammon of the worst type,
was charged before Mr. Butters
with the larceny of a blanket from
outside No. 314, Canton Road, on
January 10, property of Lo Sang,
a married woman. Two previous
convictions were admitted by de-
fendant and Mr. Butters passed
a sentence of two months' im-
prisonment and 12 strokes.

Death from natural causes was
the verdict returned in a Coroner's
inquiry held by Mr. Williams in the
Central Police Court yesterday into
the death of a prisoner, Hon Fook-
kau, who was sentenced to five
years' hard labour and twenty
strokes of the birch for armed rob-
bery at 92, Shanghai Street, Yau-
mat, at the end of 1929, being sen-
tenced by Sir Henry Gollan in Jan-
uary, 1930. The prisoner died of
tuberculosis at 12.45 p.m. on Sat-
urday.

The following passengers are
expected here by the P. & O.
Kashgar on Friday from Home:
Mr. and Mrs. A. Crofton, Mr.
and Mrs. W. B. Finnigan,
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fitzhenry, and
child, Miss L. Kemp, Mr. A. H.
Mason, Eng./Lt. H. Moy, R.N.,
Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Mackie, and
two infants, Miss C. S. Mackenzie,
Mr. and Mrs. H. Milton and two
children, Mrs. E. B. Reed and child,
Mr. and Mrs. F. Sutton, Miss B. C.
Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. S. Shephard.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SHARES AND SHAREHOLDERS.

[To the Editor of "China Mail"]

Sir,—The attitude of share-
holders of public companies in
Hong Kong has been adversely
criticised in many quarters, and
even in the local newspapers it
was made the object of leading
articles for their usual lack of
interest in the proceedings of any
public companies' meetings by their
scanty attendance and also by their
not offering any criticism at any
such meetings even in cases where
there was a deservedly severe re-
buke was required. Their attitude
was such that they have earned the
unenviable reputation of being
apathetic; but in the case of the
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.,
your correspondent "A Scrutiniser"

made some severe strictures on the
policy of that company in your
issue of December 6 before the
yearly general meeting of that com-
pany held on December 15 and they
were immediately followed by like
strictures made by shareholders at
that same meeting.

It is earnestly to be hoped that
this attitude on the part of share-
holders will be maintained when-
ever the policy of any public com-
pany justifies correction; and, while
on this subject, it is also fervently
hoped that someone who is really
competent because of his intimate
knowledge of shares will from
time to time, give in the column of
your valuable paper his honest and
truthful (not misleading) views
thereon for the benefit of the gen-
eral public, such views to appear
in the vernacular papers also.

I take this opportunity to make a
beginning and leave it to others to
give their constructive views in
the not distant future—I mean
views entirely different from the
usual weekly share reports by
shareholders which are of little or
no value at all as a guide.

In the very first place it must be
stressed that rumours even of a
far-fetched nature play an import-
ant part in the manipulation of
shares by raising or
lowering their prices; and
no place is more susceptible to
rumours than the brokers' lane. I
will now deal with some such shares
as deserve attention and caution.

Those shares that are affected by
sterling exchange like the Hong
Kong Banks, Union Insurance, etc.,
need careful watching as their
prices are at present already high
and any adverse turn in exchange
will send them heading down be-
cause of their speculative nature in
that respect.

Hong Kong Hotels, paying a
dividend of 60 cents, have risen to
\$12.40. This price, which brings
in about 4 per cent interest p.a., is
due to the news that \$3,000,000
was to be remitted to Hong Kong
to pay off part of its overdraft on
its bankers, thus reducing its in-

terest by about \$240,000 p.a. and to
the news about the negotiation for
the sale of its valuable properties
in Shanghai; but this may not
materialise owing to the land boom
there at this juncture.

Hong Kong Land Investment is
paying so far a dividend of
\$4, and with the rise in the value
of properties, coupled with the
Bank's reluctance to pay a fair rate
of interest, to would-be depositors,
this class of share is very sound for
investment and it should fetch a
much higher value than \$84, as it
has a huge reserve fund.

Hong Kong Realty's present
value is \$9, carrying a dividend of
60 cents which gives 6½ per cent
interest p.a. This is a low price
for this share, which is due to the
want of confidence on the part of
shareholders that this rate of divi-
dend will be maintained; should,
however, this dividend be not main-
tained, it will be the duty of the
Directors of the company to re-
fund to the shareholders their
capital, especially in view of the
fact that requisition to this effect
had been recently made to them by
shareholders.

Evco Cotton Mills has appreciated
in value to \$14, owing principally
to the tariff imposed recently by
China, but, being a non-local stock,
I fear to make any comment that
may be misleading.

China Light share has again im-
proved in value in spite of the very
adverse criticism made on the policy
of its management, and as this is
well known to the public I will con-
tent myself with remarking that it
has always been a principle of first
importance to any sound public
company to make ample provision
for depreciation which should take
precedence of everything else and
not be sacrificed in order to pay a
dividend.

It is curious that at the time our
Government proposed to raise rates
on properties, the rumour that the
Government was to lay a tax of 10
per cent. on public utility com-
panies had the immediate effect of
lowering its share value to \$24.50;
while the rumour now being cir-
culated that this company is about
to raise the price of its current by
2 cents per unit has also the im-
mediate effect of raising the value
of its share from \$25 to \$26, with
every prospect of being raised still
much higher. It must be remem-
bered that this is a public utility
company, and before any public
utility companies can raise the
price of their current, they must
apply to the Government for per-
mission to do so; and it is devoutly
hoped that the Government will
refuse to give its assent to any
such application by the company,
which will simply go to helping the
company to pay a high dividend at
the expense of the poor public who,
after all, is the under-dog, on whom
ultimately all sorts of taxes fall.

Further, its present price of 18
cents per unit compares very un-
favourably with 16 cents per unit
now charged by the Hong Kong
Electric Company. Let the com-
pany borrow from its bankers to
pay a higher dividend than it can
afford; therefore, its share value
should not be worth more than \$22.

The Hong Kong Electric Com-
pany stands on quite a different
plane on account of its sound posi-
tion; for it has in reserve \$3,400,-
000, besides the amount of over a
lakh carried forward. This com-
pany had been able year after year,
after the payment of its usual divi-
dend of \$2.50, to put to its reserve
fund a very substantial sum. This
is what is called sound policy of its
management because of its most
healthy state; and, with or without
the issue of new shares to its share-
holders, the value of its share
should go up considerably higher
than what it is worth to-day, which
is merely \$80.50.

Hong Kong Rope share has gone
up to a buying rate of \$13 because
of the rumour that 75 cents will be
paid out in dividend; but it is
doubtful that the company will be
in a position to pay such a high
dividend, as the management will
have to consider an even distribu-
tion of dividend that the company
will be in a position to pay yearly,
and if the dividend to be decided
upon be something like 60 to 65
cents per share, then the share
should not be worth the figure men-
tioned above.

Green Island Cement share (com-
bined) is worth to-day \$17.60, but
ten months ago its value was about
\$14 only and in June last
it soared to \$19.60. This phenom-
enal rise was caused by the wel-
come news made by the Company's
Directors that it had made a profit
of \$400,000 add by the sale of its
sterling contract bought from the
Bank at 1/10 and sold at 3/4. If
the figures are gone into carefully,
it will be found that, instead of the
alleged profit, the Company has in-
curred a loss even assuming that
half of the cost of the new plant
costing \$200,000 had been paid, for
there still remains a balance unpaid
on the plant ordered of \$100,000,
which, at the present rate of ex-
change, is equivalent to about
\$2,000,000, to which must be added
a large sum for the cost of its
erection besides the lower than 3/4
rate of exchange at which the said
half of the cost of the plant has
been paid.

To meet this large sum of well
over \$2,000,000, what does the Com-
pany possess? \$400,000 in reserve
and \$500,000 reserve for new plant,
together with \$100,999 carried for-
ward, making altogether the sum
of \$1,000,999 which is all that it
possesses to meet a sum of over
\$2,000,000, and, to do this, it will
be compelled to borrow from its
bankers, and to pay interest on such
overdraft.

In these circumstances will the
company also have recourse to bor-
rowing in order to pay a dividend?
If so, then indeed something un-
heard of will come to pass.

Thanking you for the space in the
column of your valuable paper and
reiterating my sincere hope that
someone else will continue to give,
from time to time, his truthful
views on this very important sub-
ject for the benefit of the public,
Yours, etc.,

HONG KONG, JANUARY 13.

H.K.S.P.C.A. APPEAL.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—May I trespass further on
your generosity by asking you to
publish this letter of thanks in
connection with the recent appeal
for donations on behalf of the
above Society?

The ready response and the co-
operation of all concerned ex-
presses in itself the necessity for
such an organisation.

I take this opportunity on behalf
of the Society to thank all who
contributed to the success of the
drive. Special thanks being due to
the following for their untiring
efforts:—Mrs. Loseby, who was
largely responsible for the method
of collecting, also the Honorary
Treasurer and Secretary, Mr. D.
Black and Mr. J. H. A. Hutchison.
To the lady who contributed the
article "Voice of the Voiceless"
that appeared in the Press, and to
the Press for their kind help.

The total sum collected amounts
to \$4,744.85 which will enable the
Society to carry on the good work
of animal welfare for a continued
period. Again thanking every one
who helped.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN RUSSELL,
President.

Hong Kong, January 12, 1931.

Final List of Subscriptions.

All subscriptions for the 1930
financial drive of the S.P.C.A. are
now to hand. The Hon. Treasurer
wishes to acknowledge receipt of
the following additional subscrip-
tions:—

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Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
January 13, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/11-
1/16.

In an order of 72 words, the
Canton Police gave warning that
persons found guilty of robbery
will be summarily executed at the
scene of their crime.

UNIVERSITY LIST OF "SLEEP AND DREAM" DEGREES.

Conferred at Annual Congregation.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., Chancellor of the University, conferred degrees at the annual congregation held yesterday. Amongst the honours conferred was that of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, on the Hon. Foo Ping-sheung, who Sir William Hornell, Vice-Chancellor, intimated, was the first graduate of the University to receive such a distinction. He trusted that the conferring of the degree would encourage others to follow in the footsteps of the Hon. Foo Ping-sheung.

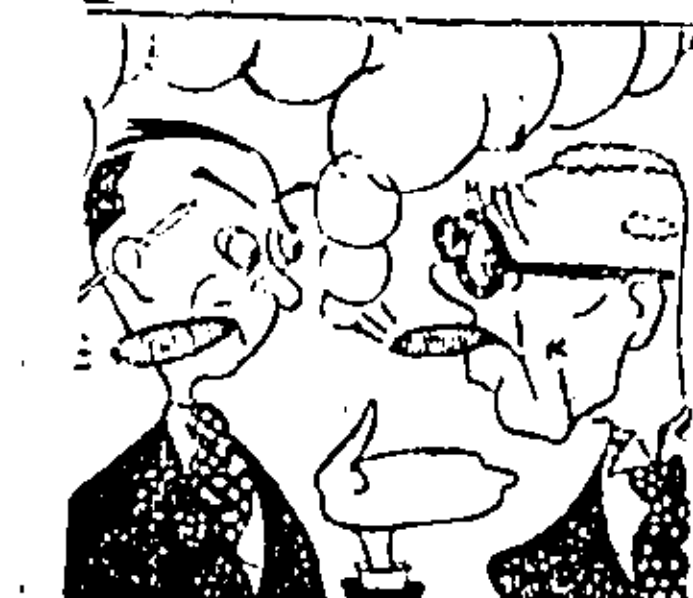
The Year's Work.

In welcoming H.E. the Governor and the visitors, the Vice-Chancellor said that the year 1930 had seen the opening of the new Biological Department on which the name of Kwok Siu-lau would soon be emblazoned. A new building, later to bear the name of Tanzi Chi-ngong, had also been started during the year, and through the generosity of the Armenian Church in Calcutta, a clock, in memory of Sir Paul Chater, had been installed in the Tower.

Distinguished visitors to the University during the year had been H.R.H. Prince Parachatra of Siam, Sir John Bland-Sutton, and Professor G. Elliot-Smith, and it gave him great pleasure to see amongst the audience Dr. Gordon Thompson, of the Henry Lester Research Institute, Shanghai. They would be glad to hear that the foundations of the Institute Buildings were now put down.

Welcome Funds.

Looking back at the year, the increase of the Government grant in August last had saved the Institution from a condition of serious financial embarrassment. They were deeply grateful to His



"I have lost the best-looking secretary I ever had."
"How?"
"She caught me kissing my wife."
Everybody's Weekly, London.

Excellency for the prompt way in which he had dealt with the difficulties of the University.

The year had also seen the decision of His Majesty's Government that the University should receive a contribution from the Boxer Indemnity Fund. This was a solid sum which, wisely used, would be of great help to the Institution. If the capital were untouched, and the whole £265,000 suitably invested in Britain, it would mean an additional income of £10,000 a year reckoning interest not higher than 4 per cent. The grant was a testimony from His Majesty's Government as to the work of the University.

Distinguished Visitor.

Sir William then outlined the career of the Hon. Foo Ping-sheung, and then called upon His Excellency to confer the degrees.

Chancellor's Speech.

H.E. the Chancellor, addressing the gathering, explained that he had not intended to speak, but as Sir William Hornell had begun his speech with distinct personal remarks, he felt it would be childish of him not to thank Sir William for the kind welcome accorded. He thanked Sir William Hornell sincerely for his remarks.

He also would like to strike a personal note and took the opportunity to congratulate Sir William Hornell on the honour which was recently conferred upon him by His Majesty the King in recognition of his fine work in connection with the University. "I know of no one who is more deserving of such an honour and no one whose receipt of it could have given me greater pleasure."

His Excellency concluded his remarks by saying that although the honour was conferred on Sir William Hornell, it was to a certain extent an honour to the whole University as they must have derived pleasure from the laurels of the

List of Graduates.

H.E. then conferred the following degrees:

Degree of Doctor of Law, honoris causa: The Hon. Foo Ping-sheung, R.S.C. (Eng.).

Degree of Doctor of Medicine: Dr. Yeoh Kok-chang, M.B., B.S., D.P.H. (Camb.), D.T.M. and H. (Eng.).

Degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery: Joseph William Barnes, Jap. Boon-koy, Lam Chi-eta, Miss Leung Chum-hs, Mok Hing-fai, Carlos Eugenio da Roza, Miss Porziz Nutonjee, Siranville Francis de Souza.

ACCEPTED SELF AND HIDDEN SELF.

DR. FENNELLY'S LECTURE.

"Sleep and Dreams—their meaning and how to interpret them" was the subject of the first of a series of fascinating lectures, given by Dr. P. Fennelly, L.L.D., in the City Hall last night to a very large audience.

Dr. Fennelly prefaced his lecture by saying that we were more ourselves in our dreams than at any other time. Each individual person had, as is generally known, an accepted self and the hidden self. The former consisted of the experiences that one had accumulated and approved and was separate from the hidden self which came up at night times to seek expression. In this way, through the medium of dreams we discover our true selves.

"Capture the Dream First."

The lecturer pointed out that in order to explain our dreams we must first capture the dream. The mere recollection of a dream in our accepted self in the morning was nothing at all. To capture a dream one has to go to bed with a paper and a pencil attached. Whilst dreaming the sleeper becomes half awake, and it is then that he or she will write the dream, without turning the light on.

It will be found, as a rule, that the most significant parts of our dreams are the most important. As a general method of interpreting dreams, Dr. Fennelly said that supposing a certain animal, person or any other object gave us a certain feeling; then in dreaming whenever we get that certain feeling we will picture that creature or object.

"Compensation."

The lecturer then went on to describe various kinds of dreams, and in each case he pointed out that to some it may mean one thing and to others it may mean another thing. For instance to dream of a bird flying, would mean freedom, and so on. He dealt with what is termed "Compensation" and explained that a person generally compensated himself or herself during dreams. If, for instance, said Dr. Fennelly, a man saw himself making an eloquent appeal before a vast audience in his dream, that man probably had not found a ready answer to something what was asked him or said to him during the day.

Dealing with children and their dreams, the lecturer said that children's dreams are not so complicated as those of adults. If a child were seen to grind its teeth during the night, in its sleep, that is sure sign that that child is being too heavily handled by its parents. If a child walks in its sleep, it is a sign that that child is looking for an answer to a question which he had asked his mother or father during the day, and which the parent had not answered fully. It is wrong to humbug a child, for a parent's lie to a child is greater than a lie to God. The child must be told the truth. A child's mind is always conscious of telling the truth.

Talking in Sleep.

If a child talked in its sleep, it means that that child had been scolded by his father, and, being unable to say what he wished to say, talks in his sleep. The father is being hit right under the jaw. It is wrong to let a child get a feeling of inferiority when young.

Speaking of first impressions, Dr. Fennelly said that 999 times out of every 1,000 first impressions were correct. If one meets a man and one's impression of him is good or bad, as the case may be, that man will most certainly turn out to be exactly as your first impression had been. Set yourself a problem before going to sleep, and the first impression you get the next morning is always right.

With regard to insomnia, the lecturer said that insomnia was caused through a feeling of self-inferiority or self-pity. An almost certain cure for insomnia was to change one's outlook on life and forget that feeling of self-inferiority and smallness.

Snoring.

Dealing with snoring Dr. Fennelly declared, amid laughter, that women never snore. Men snored because they wanted to, and to snore they always lay on their back. He also held that women never talked in their sleep. That

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Sze Tung-ling, Tan Tjong-lam, Teol Te-shew, Woo Kai-fun.

In Absentia: Miss Pau Choi-chai, Peter Pau, Hastings Ernest Adams, Norman Palmer Poyntz Chamarotte, Cheni Khay-chuan, Ooi Phee-tuan, Miss Tong Lai-tee.

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering: Chan Weng-kwan, Chen Fah-shin, Koh Nye-poh, Pao Yuen-lum, Arthur Augustus Reed, Bernard Herman Schuber, Miss Tang Tin-shien, Eric Wong-tape.

In Absentia: Cheung Sek-chiu.

Degree of Bachelor of Arts: Boey Peng-lum, Chung Hoi-nang, Miss Grace Ho Tung, Hu Pak-mi, Jao Yu, Miss Kwok Yik-ming, Miss Julia Lam, Lo Chi-chiu, Mak Kai-hing, Miss Agnes Foy, Tam Yik-fong, Miss Wong Lai-chung.

In Absentia: Wong Yan-chee.

PRICE OF SILVER.

BELIEF THAT IT WILL ADVANCE.

REVIVAL OF TRADE.

New York, Yesterday.

In a review of the silver market for 1930, Messrs. Handy and Harman, silversmiths, think that an international agreement offers the most likely hope for stabilization of silver, and are of opinion that the price of silver will advance, when a revival of world trade occurs.

Although a gold exchange is in effect in India, and its adoption has been recommended for China, the use of silver for currency is so firmly established in those countries that any revival of world trade would see an increased consumption of silver throughout the Far East.—Reuter's American Service.

Effect On China.

Peking, Yesterday.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Finance Minister of the Chinese Government, in the course of an interview with Chinese correspondents at Tientsin is reported to have declared that he is well aware that the fall in silver has seriously affected China's financial condition, making payments of foreign debts much harder and constituting an obstacle to the import of machinery, et cetera, needed in the constructive development of the country, but he does not approve of the proposal for a large silver loan to China, which proposal is "obviously detrimental" to China.

Mr. Soong said that America is anxious to lend a large quantity of raw silver, as the silver mines in America are hard hit by the slump, but other means must be found to restore a better exchange rate between gold and silver.—Reuter.

WAR DEBTS.

SUGGESTION THAT THEY BE CANCELLED.

TO END DEPRESSION.

New York, Yesterday.

The question of the cancellation of war debts as a means of ending the present world depression has again come to the fore.

Mr. Albert Wiggin, chairman of the Chase National Bank, in his annual report to shareholders, to be presented to-morrow, declares that the question of the cancellation has an importance far beyond the dollar magnitude of the debts involved.

Apart from the question of the justice of the cancellation, he is firmly convinced that it would be good business for the United States Government to initiate a reduction of debts at this time.—Reuter's American Service.

HOSPITAL CONGRESS.

To Be Held In Vienna This Year.

There took place, a few days ago, under the presidency of Professor Dr. Tandler, Managing Town Councillor, the establishment of the executive committee for the Second International Hospital Congress. This important meeting in which physicians and hospital experts from all states of the world are to take part, will be held from June 8 to 14 in Vienna. Further it was decided to arrange, concurrently with this congress, a great International Hospital Exhibition. The secretarial work as well as the management of the exhibition, which was initiated by the International Hospital Committee, has been entrusted to the Vienna Fair.

The official opening of the Congress will take place, on June 8, in the Court Palace, (Hofburg). The sittings of the congress are to be held in the Fair Palace. It is hoped by the Congress manager, that the meeting will be favoured by as numerous and distinguished an international attendance as the first International Hospital Congress, held in 1929 in Atlantic City.

was because they did not have to deal with walking in one's sleep and recalled several interesting facts of psychology in connection with it.

Dr. Fennelly said that it was good to have a nap, even only "forty winks," during the day. The best time was at eleven o'clock in the morning. He pointed out that the whole world over seemed to fall asleep in the middle of the day. If one went to a Zoo and would find that animals would be dozing off to sleep, and the same applied to motor cars, which, said the lecturer, worked best in the morning and in the evening.

Several questions on paper were answered by Dr. Fennelly, and among them was this: "What does dream mean if a married woman dreams of being a bride?" The lecturer replied that it was obvious that she was not satisfied with her present husband. (Loud laughter.)

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

Friday—Talkoo Club Annual Ball.

Saturday—Old Bedfordian Dinner, 8 p.m.

January 23—Society of York-shiremen Cabaret-Dinner Dance, Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.

To-day—Central Theatre.

"The Vagabond King."

To-day—World Theatre.

"Love on the Lake" (Chinese picture).

To-day—Star Theatre.

"The Cohens and Kellys in Atlantic City."

To-day—Majestic Theatre.

"Barnum was Right" and "The Devil's Pit."

Friday—Concert, Helena May Institute, Kowloon, 8.45 p.m.

January 17 and 19—Theatre Royal; Dame Clara Butt.

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from America and ports (Asama Maru).

Meetings.

To-morrow—Meeting of Graduates in the Great Hall of the University, 5.15 p.m.

To-morrow—Annual General Meeting of Boy Scouts' Association, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5 p.m.

Sports.

See Diary on page 8.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Theatre Royal—Lecture on "Nerve Control" by Dr. P. Fennelly, 9.15 p.m.

To-morrow—Theatre Royal—Lectures by Dr. Fennelly, 9.15 p.m. "For Women Only"; 9.15 p.m. "For Men Only."

Thursday—Bellios Public School distribution of prizes.

Friday—Lecture on "League of Nations" by Mr. Bascombe Johnson, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

AMMUNITION HAUL

DENIAL OF PIRATICAL INTENTION.

Yesterday Chai Tim, a Chinese, was charged before Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy with having had in his possession thirteen rounds of ammunition.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared for the defence. A party a man under Detective-Inspector Fallon boarded a junk at the Yaumati typhoon shelter on December 26 and after a chase over several junks defendant was arrested, the ammunition being found in his pocket.

Defendant pleaded not guilty, and said he was carrying the ammunition to Chinese territory, not for the purpose of a piratical attack on a ferry launch as accused of. He pleaded guilty to a technical offence.

A sentence of one year's imprisonment was imposed.

MONEY LEFT.

MR. C.P. DAWSON'S ESTATE.

Re-sealing of probate in the estate of Cecil Percy Dawson, late of Shanghai, and formerly of Victoria, B.C., Canada, has been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Hong Kong, attorney for the widow and executrix, Pauline Louise Dawson of Shanghai. Power is reserved for Mr. Allan George Mossop, barrister, of Shanghai, named as the other executor in the will.

Local estate amounts to \$10,500. The will directs that a trust shall be established on the residuary estate, the income to be paid to the widow during her life time. The estate at her death shall be divided amongst testator's son and five daughters, the income being paid to them.

MR. T. V. SOONG.

TO CONFER WITH CHANG HSUEH-LIANG.

Tientsin, Yesterday.

Mr. T. V. Soong, who has been visiting Peking, has returned to Tientsin where it is expected that he will again confer with General Chang Hsueh-liang this evening.

The vernacular newspapers state that the problem of the "rehabilitation" of the Shanai forces and the Kuomintang (meaning partial disbandment) has been practically settled by Mr. Soong and General Chang. The Financial Commission hopes they will arrange for a \$5,000,000 loan for the purpose of the "local" banks, and the security for the loan, according to the vernacular newspapers, has already been arranged though it has not yet been announced.—Reuter.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, 10th February, 1931, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1930.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 23rd January to TUESDAY, 10th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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L. S. GREENHILL,
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Hong Kong, 12th January, 1931.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS

LAST MEETINGS OF THE YEAR.

[By Oliver Bell.]

In December only five meetings were held under the auspices of the League of Nations—all of a purely technical character. It is interesting to note that the Leprosy Commission which met in Bangkok forges another link between Geneva and the Far East.

The reason for the meeting being held in Siam was that the Association for Tropical Medicine in the Far East was holding its meetings there at the same time. At this session the Leprosy Commission has tried to lay down the general principles for combating leprosy just as the Malaria Commission of the League of Nations had done for malaria. The work of the Commission was prepared by its secretary, Dr. Burnet. In the course of his work he visited leper colonies and leper experts in London, the Scandinavian and Baltic countries, France, the Mediterranean countries, the South American Republics, India, the Malay States, the Philippines and China—a fairly comprehensive list! As a result of his studies, Dr. Burnet's report to the League's Health Committee showed the necessity for an agreement and for international action as regards the world's leprosy problems. Great gaps exist in our knowledge which must be filled.

Amongst the other questions that came up in December was another matter which is the concern of the Health Committee, namely, the Preparatory Commission for the Conference on Rural Hygiene. This conference is a new departure of the Health work and seeks to bring to bear on rural hygiene, the same successful methods that have been used in general health administration.

Two of the other meetings were those of the Committees concerned with the allocation of League expenses and specific tariffs. The purpose of the latter body was to examine the question of gross weight and net weight, packing, samples and so forth and to try to formulate general rules which will be accepted by all countries.

Lastly, there was a meeting of the Budget Expenses Committee. This Committee had just been constituted by the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference. Four points had to be examined at this meeting. The first concerned the method for the budgetary limitation of land, material. The second, the methods for the limitation of total expenditure on armaments, land, naval and air. The third and fourth were questions of publicity regarding budget expenditure, and was

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Peter Dawson.
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Medley of Chappell Ballads (2nd Record)
Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.
- C-1880—"Les Cloches De Corneville"—Selection (1st Record)
"Les Cloches De Corneville"—Selection (2nd Record)
The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.
- C-1881—"The Maid of the Mountains"—Selection (1st Record)
"The Maid of the Mountains"—Selection (2nd Record)
The London Palladium Orchestra.
- C-1917—Potpourri of Waltzes (1st Record)
Potpourri of Waltzes (2nd Record)
Kirkoff's Balalaika Orch.
- C-1918—"Geisha"—Selection (1st Record) (Sidney Jones)
"Geisha"—Selection (2nd Record) (Sidney Jones)
Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
- C-1920—"C. B. Cochran's 1930 Revue"—Vocal Gems—1st
Record
"C. B. Cochran's 1930 Revue"—Vocal Gems—2nd
Record
Light Opera Company.
- C-1982—"Sons O' Guns"—Selection (1st Record)
"Sons O' Guns"—Selection (2nd Record)
New Mayfair Orchestra.
- C-1986—Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo—1930 (1st
Record)
Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo—1930 (2nd
Record)
Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo—1930 (3rd
Record)
Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo—1930 (4th
Record)
- C-2039—"Les Cloches De Corneville"—Vocal Gems (1st
Record)
"Les Cloches De Corneville"—Vocal Gems (2nd
Record)
Light Opera Company.
- C-2063—"The Maid of the Mountains"—Vocal Gems (1st
Record)
"The Maid of the Mountains"—Vocal Gems (2nd
Record)
Light Opera Company.
- C-2077—A Musical Trip Round the British Isles (1st
Record)
A Musical Trip Round the British Isles (2nd
Record)
Light Opera Company.
- C-2078—An English Christmas—Part 1 (Christmas Eve)
An English Christmas—Part 2 (Christmas Morn)
Light Opera Company.
- C-2079—The Smoking Concert (1st Record)
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Orchid," as an American writer
picturesquely described him was
never happy when fighting U.S.A.
boxers. Billy Papke, Frank Claus,
Dixie Kid, Tom Gibbons, Gene
Tunney, Battling Levinsky and
Jack Dempsey were his masters.
Gunboat Smith was somewhat un-
lucky to have been adjudged the
loser when he met Carpentier.

Matinee Idol.
Carpentier captured the imagina-
tion with his debonair personality.
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aristocrat. He possesses a charm
of manner which is alien to most
boxers.

Outside the ring, Georges is a
courtier—inside the ropes he was a
relentless fighting machine with
primeval instincts.

I first met the Frenchman when
he was a young stripling, writes
James Butler in The Daily Herald.
He acted as sparring partner to
Bombardier Wells at Earl's Court.
The French boy was eager and en-
thusiastic. Few of us who saw
him box "Billie Wells" as Georges
called him, realised that one day
he would not only whip Wells, but
would become one of the most
popular figures of the ring.

In Coal Offices.
Carpentier was never a miner in
the Lens coalfields, but his father
was. He told me that he was a
small boy in the coal offices when
Francois Desamps, who was a
clown in a travelling circus, dis-
covered him.

Georges must have been filled
with romance and glamour. He be-
came the boxer with a mission for
the Republic, and Desamps, the
laughter-maker, eventually gained
the reputation of being a hard-
boiled boxer's manager.

They became a remarkable com-
bination. From obscurity, the pair
became world-famous—and de-
served every penny which came
their way.

Always Magnetic.
The Carpentier of the ring was
always magnetic. In victory or
defeat he had the courage of a
bull-terrier and a phlegmatic
philosophy.

Whatever his shortcomings,
Georges was a favourite with the
crowd. He had no chance against
Jack Dempsey's murderous
punches. But the spectators loved
him for his gameness.

When the M.C. introduced Demp-
sey and Carpentier for their
memorable fight at Boyle's Thirty
Acres, New Jersey, he said:
"Georges Carpentier, soldier of
France; Jack Dempsey!" The
90,000 spectators roared their ap-
preciation in favour of the smiling
Frenchman. They would have
given anything to see him win.

Regained Fortune.
Carpentier lost a huge fortune
during the war. He regained it—
and more—in subsequent battles.
The end of the purse for the
Dempsey battle amounted to
\$40,000.

When he arrived in London, to
start training for Joe Beckett the
Strand and Charing Cross Station
yard were thronged with a crowd
estimated at 80,000.

When he sat at the ring side on
a recent big fight night few people
turned their heads to look at him.
He passed through the crowd to
his seat unnoticed.

I have studied the real Carpen-
tier in home life. He is cheery,
sociable, and entertaining. Before
his second affair with Beckett I
stayed with Georges at La Guerche.
We went out shooting. He is a
deadly shot.

Lucky Escape.
Whilst taking a "pot" at a hare
the barrel of the gun burst. It
was a miracle Georges was not
seriously injured. He laughed and
said: "That was a lucky escape,
Jiminy. If my arm had been
smashed then I should not be able
to knock out Joe."

Georges frequently found it con-
venient not to understand English.
I have seen all sorts of people try-
ing to extract information.

He would look bewildered and
exclaim: "Je ne comprends pas!"
Carpentier could speak English
like a native.

Carpentier was one of the
greatest ambassadors France
boasted. He was inferior as a
fighter to many of his conquerors.
But his vivacity and charm left

ENGLISH CUP DRAW.

Fine Matches in
Fourth Round.

CHELSEA v. ARSENAL OR VILLA.

The draw for the fourth round
of the English Cup, to be played
on January 24, is announced, giv-
ing prospects of some exciting
tussles.

The tit-bit of the draw is Chel-
sea v. Arsenal or Aston Villa—a
match that should break the gate
record for Chelsea.

Bolton Wanderers will be at
home to Sunderland, and, as both
are traditional Cup fighters, a
most exciting game may be anti-
cipated.

Two other First Division Clubs
in Leeds United and Newcastle
United meet on the ground of the
former. The Newcastle team may
force a draw here.

West Bromwich v. Spurs?

If—as is likely—West Bromwich
Albion beat Charlton in the third
round replay, they will be at home
to Tottenham Hotspurs—another
lively affair!

The same may be said of the
encounter between Middlesbrough
and the Wolves—provided, of course,
that the former give Bradford
City their quietus.

Bury should make no mistake in
their replay at Torquay, in which
case they ought to beat Exeter City
on their own ground.

Grimsby, if they get over the
Stoke hurdle, will meet Manches-
ter United, and may lose by the
odd goal even on their own ground,
and that in spite of the United's
poor showing in the League.

Blackpool Away.

Blackpool visit Southport and
will have to go all the way to
win.

Blackburn Rovers, once they
dispose of Walsall in the third
round, should have an easy thing
in Bristol Rovers.

Sheffield United, after their re-
play with York, will be at home
to Notts County—another "tussle
should result!"

If Cardiff win their replay
against Brentford they will meet
Fleetwood on their own ground—
and anything may happen in such
a Cup tie encounter!

Wednesday Go to Barnsley.

Sheffield Wednesday go to
Barnsley and should receive a
rousing reception from the Second
Division Club's supporters in the
North. How about a draw here?

Birmingham, who beat Liverpool
on the latter's ground on Saturday
last, will be hosts to Port Vale
and, with a trifle luck, should en-
ter the fifth round.

The full draw as cabled by Reu-
ter, is as follows:

Crystal Palace v. Everton
or Reading v. Everton

Middlesbrough v. Wolves
or Bradford City v. Wolves

Bury or Torquay v. Exeter
or Leeds v. Newcastle

Grimsby v. Stoke or
Manchester U.

Chelsea v. Arsenal or
Aston V.

Southport v. Blackpool
or Blackburn or

Walsall v. Bristol R.

Bradford v. Burnley
or Bolton v. Sunderland

Sheffield Un. v. Notts. Cnty.
or York v. Brighton

West Brom. v. Tottenham
or Charlton v. Brighton

Brentford or Cardiff v. Portsmouth
or Barnsley v. Sheffield

Birmingham v. Port Vale

CRICKET.

VOLUNTEER TEAM FOR SUNDAY.

The following will represent
the Hong Kong Volunteers against
the Police on the Police R.C.
ground at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Janu-
ary 18:

Capt. R. B. Davies (captain), A. C.
Beck, A. Reid, G. C. Barnett, K. H.
Ratner, P. W. J. Plannet, F. J.
Caveney, J. D. A. Hutchison, H. S.
Clippington, R. G. U. Mack and
W. E. Hunt.

An indelible impression upon those
who met him. He had the gift of
pleasing them.

Carpentier commanded boxing at
the age of 22. He beat Charles
Leducq as a bantam. They are the
warmest of friends to-day. I want
one day with Georges. He is a
gentle to see. Georges, Charles.
He has motor-cars, a nice house and
a farm. Like Carpentier, he is a
crack shot.

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ming pools, will be available for

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

CHESS—To-day—Kowloon
Chess Club Championship.

FOOTBALL—To-day—Council
Meeting, French Bank Building,
5.30 p.m.

Saturday—First Division—
Navy v. Borderers, Club v. Royal
Artillery, Angles v. Chinese Ath-
letic, St. Joseph's v. Club de Re-
creio; Second Division—Navy v.
Royal Artillery, Club de Re-
creio v. Chinese Athletic, University v.
South China, Club v. St. Joseph's,
Borderers v. Argyle, Eastern v.
Kowloon F.C., Third Division—
Rukun v. Royal Air Force, Ewo
v. Borderers, R.A.S.C. v. Chinese
Athletic.

FANLING HUNT—To-morrow
—Sheung Shui Police Station.

Saturday—Kennels.

January 21—Hunters' Arms.

January 25—17 Pine Tree Hill,
26 1/2 miles.

January 28—Race Course.

January 31—Sun Wai Camp.

GOLF—To-morrow—Match be-
tween "Wild Bill" Mehlhorn and
Bobby Cruikshank, Fanling, 2.30
p.m.

Thursday—Railway Cup Final
—Ladies.

Friday—Taggart Cup—Third
Round.

Saturday and Sunday—Bogey
Pool, Fanling.

Sunday—First Round Junior
Saturdays and Sunday—K.G.C.
Captain's Cup.

January 25—Semi-final K.G.C.
Junior Championship.

February 1—Second Round
Junior Championship, Fanling.

February 10—Junior Section,
Championship, R.H.K.G.C. (First
round).

RIFLE SHOOTING—Friday—
Public Meeting, Jardine, Mathe-
son's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

CRICKET—Saturday—Division
I—Civil Service C.C. v. Kowloon
C.C. (L); Indian R.C. v. Hong
Kong C.C. (F); Division II—
Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.
(L); Craigengower C.C. v. Club
de Releio (L); Hong Kong C.C.
v. Indian R.C. (F).

RUGBY FOOTBALL—Saturday
—Second Trial Game.

January 24—Club v. Army
(Triangular Tournament).

February 8—Club v. Navy (Tri-
angular Tournament).

RACING—Sunday—Fanling
Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

February 15—Fanling Hunt
Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

February 28—March 7—Annual
Race Meeting.

March 14—First Extra Race
Meeting.

FENCING—Monday—Fencing
Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.45
p.m.

ATHLETICS—March 15 and 16
—Hong Kong v. Canton Universi-
ties.

TENNIS—January 19—U.S.R.C.
Tournament—Second Rounds
Close.

HOME.

FOOTBALL—Saturday—First
Round of Scottish Cup.

January 24—English Cup—
Fourth Round.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—Saturday
—England v. Wales, Twickenham.
January 24—Scotland v. France,
Paris.

the training of special groups. A
practice rowing course adjoins the
Olympic rowing stadium.

The Organizing Committee has
made a complete survey of all such
facilities in and near Los Angeles.
Those most conveniently located,
have been selected for use during
the coming Olympic Games.

As soon as entry blanks are re-
ceived, training facilities will be
assigned by the Organizing Com-
mittee to the various teams. The
Committee has had the complete
co-operation of universities, public
schools, Municipal Governments
and athletic clubs in its work of
providing these facilities.

Such facilities will be accessible
from the proposed Olympic Village
and the Olympic Stadium, and
athletes will be transported en
masse to and from their training
places, their living quarters, and
the place where their competitions
are held.

As one of our periodic heavy-
weight boxing bouts is imminent
we shall have to have a heavy-
weight champion, whether we like
it or not. My hope is that when
a leading heavy-weight does arise
he will decline to believe that box-
ing is the Noble Art of Self-
defence.—H. G. Lewis.

A "GOOD EYE" IN GAMES

MODERN INSTRUCTORS

MACHINE WHICH RECORDS ACCURATELY
THE "Personal Error."

ALLOWING FOR DEFECT

[By Lieut.-Col. F. W. Moffitt, D.S.O.]

At no period of our history have
games played so great a role as at
the present time. Of late, too,
there has been a remarkable change
in our methods concerning them.
Whereas formerly most of us learnt
our games as best we could, aided,
perhaps, by a little amateur advice,
now every class of pastime has its
professional instructor who points
out our faults and does his best to
remedy them in the short time at
his disposal. It is a question,
however, whether he goes deeply
enough into the matter.

A "Good Eye."

Anyone with an aptitude for
games is said to have a "good eye."
If further explanation is sought one
is put off with the generalisation
"that the hand and eye work in
unison."

Now in some games the ball is
stationary when dealt with by the
player, as in golf and billiards, but
in most it is in motion, as in
cricket, tennis, racquets and the
like. The games in the second
category leave no option to the play-
er as to when to make the stroke.
The direction of the path of the
ball has to be anticipated and the
stroke begun in time to meet the
ball at the right place. The
marvel is that it can be done at all.
For apart from the actual move-
ment of the bat or racquet every
person has a "personal error" as
it is termed by astronomers, i.e.,
the time taken between seeing a
thing and calling on a muscle to
act.

Error Finding Machine.

Many years ago, when visiting a
naval school with a party of officers,
I saw an instrument which re-
corded this error, writes Lieut.-
Col. F. W. Moffitt, D.S.O., in the
Field. A needle on a dial suddenly
began to rotate, and a pull on a
cord held in the hand stopped it.
The error was the distance the
needle had moved. Curiously
enough, the instrument picked out
the good cricketers. It would be
interesting to know whether the
low personal error was a natural
advantage which had produced the
cricketer, or whether the game had
affected the personal error.

Another Test.

A rough test of a similar nature
can be made by tying a string to a
reel and laying the string on a
table with the reel suspended over
the edge. Someone holds the free
end of the string which he must
suddenly release, when the person
who is being tested and is holding
his hand practically touching the
string jams it down as quickly as
ever he can after movement has
started. The distance the reel falls
is the measure of the error.

Concentration Above All.

If this personal error is fixed by
nature and is unchangeable the per-
son having a large error is heavily
handicapped in a game, and the
quicker player can let the ball come
closer before beginning to strike.
Assuming, however, that we can
reduce the error by training
should it not be possible to devise

exercises designed to concentrate
the mind on this to the exclusion
of all other thoughts, in the same
way as a "pro" teaches the novice
to swing a golf club without at first
confusing the mind by employing a
ball?

Notable Instances.

Good eyesight is naturally re-
garded as essential in games, but I
doubt whether it plays such an im-
portant part as is generally sup-
posed. I knew a man with indiffer-
ent sight who was both a good shot
with a gun and a good tennis player.
I have read that Capt. Towse, V.C.,
who lost his sight in the Boer War,
can drive a good ball at golf if he
is placed in position with his club
against the ball.

Allowing For Defect.

Discussing the whole matter re-
cently with an optician he told me
of a good billiard player who was
found on examination to have had
astigmatism. On being fitted with
spectacles he at first lost all his
skill. After remodelling his game
he played better than ever, proving
that he had hitherto, unconsciously,
been allowing for the defect.

Interesting Question.

It would be interesting to know
whether the "master" eye in any
way affects one's play. Most
people are aware that if the thumb
be aligned on some object with both
eyes open and then each eye closed
in turn the "master" eye is the
one which retains the alignment of
the thumb on the object. Is a man
with a left "master" eye in any
way handicapped by playing right-
handed, or vice versa?

Undiscovered Fault.

When hitting a stationary ball
the average man knows he has cer-
tain fixed tendencies to go off the
line of direction against which he
must guard. The same applies to a
moving ball. In the latter case the
cause is not discovered. For in-
stance an indifferent tennis player
may have a constant error which
causes him to strike the ball, at a
point, say, a little above the centre
of his racquet without ever being
aware of the fact. Perhaps some
kind of colouring matter on the
ball which would come off on the
strings of the racquet would reveal
the fault, and practice might then
rectify it.

Firing Too Quick.

These observations naturally ap-
ply to shooting with a gun, but I
believe in a lesser degree. Provided
a man can handle his gun quickly
and get his feet in the right posi-
tion he generally has ample time.
Indeed, a frequent fault with the
novice is that he fires too soon.

With no great aptitude for games
myself I have always been interest-
ed in the aspect regarding them
which I have been discussing. I
therefore venture to set down these
suggestions in the hope that a little
careful investigation may some-
times reveal the causes of a poor
"eye," and that means may be
devised for converting youthful
"duds" into average players of this
game or that.

YACHTING.

RESULTS OF LADIES' RACES.

The sixth Ladies' Championship
races under the auspices of the
H.K. Yacht Club were sailed
yesterday, with the following re-
sults:—

"H" Class.			
[Started at 3.05 p.m.]			
	Finished	Corrected	Position
Diana	4.23.41	4.22.58	6
Colleen	4.23.40	4.19.52	2
Holla	4.23.57	4.19.42	3
La Linda	4.24.44	4.19.52	4
Norena	4.29.40	4.20.46	5
Dorothea	4.26.39	4.18.45	1

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INWARD MAILS

From	Per
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Dec. 20, 1930).....	Asama Maru
Shanghai and Swatow.....	King Yuan
Calcutta and Straits.....	Talma
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14.	
Amoy and Swatow.....	Van Heutz
Manila.....	Empress of Japan
Australia and Manila.....	Tai Ping
FRIDAY, JANUARY 15.	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, Dec. 7, 1930).....	President Jackson
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers, London, Dec. 18, 1930 and Parcels, Dec. 11, 1930).....	Kashgar
Japan and Shanghai.....	Kashmir
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17.	
Shanghai and Amoy.....	Tikarung
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21.	
Japan.....	Kamo Maru
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23.	
Straits.....	Hakone Maru
Japan and Shanghai.....	Katori Maru
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Dec. 26, 1930).....	President Johnson
MONDAY, JANUARY 26.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Jan. 2).....	President Taft
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 3).....	Empress of Asia

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.	
Straits.....	Prominent 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai.....	Teau 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow.....	Tai Ping 4 p.m.
Manila.....	President Pierce 4.30 p.m.
Manila and Swatow only for Germany via Hamburg.....	Duisburg 5 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow.....	Chip Shing 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14.	
Sandakan.....	Yu Sang 10.30 a.m.
Amoy.....	Tai Yuan 3.30 p.m.
Tourane.....	Chung Kong 5 p.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15.	
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa.....	Deli Maru 8.30 a.m.
Straits.....	Van Heutz 10 a.m.
Hohow and Bangkok.....	Kwei Yang 12.30 p.m.
Dairen.....	Rhexnor 5 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.	
Hohow, Pakhoi & Halphong.....	King Yuan 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.....	Hai Ching 1 p.m.
Japan.....	Kashgar 5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia.....	Registration Jan. 16, 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles.....	Kashmir (Due Marseilles, Feb. 14.)
K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Parcels.....Jan. 16, 4.30 p.m.	Parcels.....Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Registration.....Jan. 17, 9 a.m.	Registration.....Jan. 17, 9.45 a.m.
Letters.....10 a.m.	Letters.....10.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17.	
Straits and Calcutta.....	Ho Sang
Sandakan.....	Parcels.....Jan. 17, Noon
Sunday, January 18.	Letters.....1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa.....	Mau Sang 9 a.m.
Monday, January 19.	Canton Maru 9 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	President Pierce (Due Victoria, B.C., Feb. 6.)
	Parcels.....Jan. 19, 3 p.m.
	Registration.....4.15 p.m.
	Letters.....5 p.m.
*Shanghai, *Japan and Honolulu, Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Shinyo Maru 5 p.m.
	Registration.....Jan. 19, 5 p.m.
	Letters.....6 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tai Ping (Due Thursday Island, Jan. 31.)
	Parcels.....Jan. 19, 5 p.m.
	Registration.....Jan. 20, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters.....10.30 a.m.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20.	
Manila & Java via Sourabaya.....	Tikarung 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.....	Hai Yang 1 p.m.
Saigon, *Straits, *Ceylon, *India, *Mauritius, *E. and *S. Africa, Aden, *Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles	General Metzinger (Due Marseilles, Feb. 20.)
K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Registration.....Jan. 20, 1 p.m.	Registration.....Jan. 20, 1.45 p.m.
Letters.....1 p.m.	Letters.....2.30 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

KIRIN RAILWAY.

TO EXTEND TO THE KOREAN BORDER?

CHINA'S VIOLATION.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

It is learned that Mr. Kimura, among other things, will press for the completion of the Kirin-Tunhua Railway to the Korean Border in return for various concessions which Japan is prepared to make regarding railway construction in Manchuria.

Other points which Mr. Kimura is expected to take up include, firstly the repayment of Japanese loans to Mukden and the construction of the Taonan-Taitshih and Kirin-Tunhua lines on which no interest has thus far been paid; secondly, the question of China's violation of the agreement to refrain from constructing parallel lines competing with the South Manchuria Railway. Regarding the first, it is understood that Japan is prepared to make the terms of repayment as easy as possible, and as regards the second it is probable that Japan is prepared to overlook the violation of the agreement, provided some agreement is reached whereby the S.M.R. would be guaranteed a certain percentage of the freight which would ordinarily be carried on the S.M.R.—Reuter.

RUNNERS FINED.

UNLAWFUL BOARDING OF A LINER.

Sixteen Chinese boarding house runners were today charged before the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., (retired), with unlawfully boarding the s.s. President Pierce without the permission of the master or one of the officers of the ship.

They all entered pleas of "guilty."

Sub-Inspector Munro, of the Water Police, told the Magistrate that the offence occurred yesterday afternoon as the President liner was on her way to the No. 4 wharf at Kowloon. The men boarded the ship from small vessels whilst the liner was moving past the No. 2 wharf. Lance-Sergeant Wilcox, who happened to be in the vicinity in a Police launch was summoned on board and he took the accused into custody. They were all subsequently allowed out on bail of \$50 each.

Four of the accused admitted previous convictions for a similar offence, and the Magistrate decided to deal with them according to their previous records. One man who had been previously sentenced to three months' hard labour was ordered to pay the maximum fine of \$50, or one month in default. Three others who had been previously fined, had to pay \$25 each or go to jail for two weeks. The twelve first offenders were fined \$10 each or one week in jail.

MODEL DISTRICT.

CONSTRUCTION OF A FREE PORT.

Canton, Yesterday.

For the development of the Chungshan Model District, the Central Government has, besides the construction of the Chungshan Free Port at Tongkwan, planned to build a railway line linking up Fatsien and Chungshan. In compliance with the instructions of the Ministry of Railways, Director Chan Yin-mui of the Shaochow-Canton Railway sent a party of experts to take a complete survey of the line.

Interviewed, Director Chan said that the surveying work was completed and a general plan governing the engineering work and the making of a budget would be submitted to the Ministry for consideration within a week. The cost of the construction of the railway is estimated at \$20,000,000.—Canton News Agency.

PRINCES' FAREWELL.

FORMAL VISIT TO THE KING AND QUEEN.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Prince of Wales and Prince George paid a formal visit to Buckingham Palace to-day, to bid goodbye to the King and Queen, who are returning to Sandringham this afternoon and will again see the Princes before their departure for South America, where the Prince of Wales will open the British Trade Exhibition at Buenos Aires on March 14.—British Wireless Service.

BOY TRAPPED IN A LIFT.

London Flat Dwellers Try in Vain To Free Him.

People living in Clarence Gate Mansions, Regent's Park, were alarmed by shouts for help from the lift shaft.

They rushed out. And they found Frank Harbridge, aged 13, of Earl Street, Marylebone, hanging head downwards in the shaft. He was caught by the waist between the floor of the lift and the wire side of the shaft.

When delivering newspapers, to occupants of the flat Harbridge apparently got into the lift and attempted to jump out after it had risen a few feet.

Policemen were called. But they, like the flat dwellers, were helpless to rescue him.

The fire brigade was sent for, but in the meantime Harbridge seemed to have lost consciousness. The firemen had to cut away part of the lift, as the life itself was jammed tightly and could not be moved, before he could be extricated.

After half an hour's work he was freed and taken to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington.

But on arrival there he was dead.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM FOR PENANG.

Penang, which has recently been coming into line with other progressive cities in the world, is likely to have a water-borne sewage scheme in the near future, says a Penang paper.

The present Municipal Engineer took up a suggestion originally made by one of his predecessors but with which no advance had been made, and outlined a scheme which the Commissioners referred to Consulting Engineers on certain points. The report of the Consulting Engineers was received recently and now the entire scheme is engaging the attention of the Municipal Commission.

The rough estimate of the cost of the scheme is \$10,000,000 which includes \$3,000,000 for outfall works. If the so-called dilution method recommended by the Municipal Engineer is found feasible (Dr. Class and Dr. Brodie are agreed it is) the total cost of the scheme would be reduced to \$7,500,000.

The Municipal Engineer is of opinion that if the Commissioners were to provide, say, \$3,000,000 over a three-year period, with the dilution method accepted, a large area of the town can be provided with the scheme. After that he thinks the system can be extended at the rate of, say, \$500,000 per annum, or less according to the money available.

IN MERRY MEXICO.

ARMED MEN TAKE POSSESSION OF A TOWN.

A body of armed men, led by Don Leopoldo Velasco, took possession of the town of Comitán, in the Mexican State of Chiapas, recently. The municipal authorities were ousted and a provisional administration was installed.

The Federal officers were not molested, as the movement was apparently directed not against the Federal but the State Government.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank wire.....	113½
Bank on demand.....	113½
Bank 4 months' sight.....	113½
Credits, 4 months' sight.....	1/— 7/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight.....	1/— 9/16
On Paris—	
On demand.....	605
Credits, 4 months' sight.....	645
On New York—	
On demand.....	23½
Credits, 60 days' sight.....	24½
On Bombay—	
Wire.....	66
On demand.....	66
On Calcutta—	
Wire.....	66
On demand.....	66
On Singapore—	
On demand.....	42½
On Manila—	
On demand.....	47¾
On Shanghai—	
On demand.....	Tls. 74
Dollar.....	2% dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand.....	48
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate).....	1/— ¾
Silver (per oz.).....	13 15/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong.....	Nominal
Copper Cash.....	Nominal
Copper Cents.....	3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest.....	3¼% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin.....	22% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.	

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris.....	123.72½
New York.....	4.85½
Brussels.....	34.82½
Geneva.....	25.06½
Amsterdam.....	12.06½
Milan.....	32.75½
Berlin.....	20.41½
Stockholm.....	18.14½
Copenhagen.....	18.18½
Oslo.....	18.18½
Vienna.....	34.51½
Prague.....	163½
Helsingfors.....	192½
Madrid.....	47.05
Lisbon.....	108.25
Athens.....	375
Bucharest.....	818
Rio.....	4 11/16
Buenos Aires.....	34 15/16
Montevideo.....	34½
Bombay.....	1/5 ¾
Shanghai.....	1/3 ¾
Hong Kong.....	11½
Yokohama.....	2/0 15/32
Silver Spot.....	13 15/16
Silver Forward.....	13 15/16
—British Wireless Service.	

HOTEL GUESTS

AT THE HONG KONG HOTEL.

January 11, 1931.	
Mr. James H. Backhouse.	
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Chockson.	
Mr. N. R. Christian.	
Mr. Leslie S. Day, Dr. R. Drenchahn.	
Mr. F. Gregory.	
Messrs. F. H. Hill, R. Holmgren, A. B. Henningsen, S. and E. Hadaya, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hanna.	
Messrs. J. E. Joseph, E. C. Judd.	
Messrs. Albert Kopp, S. G. Kirkland.	
Messrs. H. H. Louch, R. Legrand, Miss H. Lillie, Dr. G. W. Leavell.	
Messrs. C. H. Morgan, J. B. Marco.	
Mr. A. E. Nobbins.	
Mr. F. S. Odum.	
Madame O. Paulovitch.	
Mr. R. E. Reid.	
Messrs. W. Vander Steen, F. R. Smith, Mrs. N. Schroder.	
Messrs. B. W. Tyler, J. Thun.	
Mr. and Mrs. D. Vasconcelles.	
Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Webster.	
Mrs. M. L. Wilkin.	
Mr. E. A. Yates.	

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 13th Jan., 1931.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Mon.	Fin. Year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	1075	...	...	Dec.	1930	(Interim 25 cts 1930) Aug. 11, 30
Chartered Bank	...	101	...	Dec.	1930	(Interim 7 1/2 cts 1930) Sep. — 30
Mercantile Bk., Ltd. (C.)	...	121	...	Dec.	1930	(Int. 20 1/2 cts 1930 less 1/2 tax) Sep. — 30
Bank of Asia	115	...	...	Dec.	1930	25 cts for 1929 Feb. 28, 30
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	...	...	1300	Dec.	1930	(Final 27 cts for 1929) — 8 1/2 May 10, 30
Union Ins.	505	(900/0)	...	Dec.	1930	(Interim 10 1/2 cts 1930) — 4 1/2 May 30, 30
*China Underwriters	3.10	...	...	Dec.	1930	None
China Fire Ins.	450	...	...	Dec.	1930	(Final 20 cents 80 cts) — 8 1/2 May 30, 30
H. K. Fire Ins.	...	...	1300	Dec.	1930	(Interim 10 1/2 cts 1930) Mar. 30, 30
Shipping.						
Douglas	...	281	...	Dec.	1930	Last dividend for 1929
H. K. Steamboats	...	81	...	Dec.	1930	51.50 for 1929 Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China, (Pref.)	...	15	...	Dec.	1930	(Int. 4 1/2 cts on preference) June 10, 29
(Def.)	...	17	...	Dec.	1930	Last dividend for 1929
Shell Transport	...	14 1/4	...	Dec.	1930	(Interim 10 cts Coupon No. 27) Pending
Union Waterboats	39	...	...	Dec.	1930	Free 1/2 tax 5 cts 1930 Mar. 10, 30
Mining.						
Benguet	11	...	...	Dec.	1930	(Final 40 cents on making P. 120 for 1930) Dec. 30, 30
Kailash Mining Ad. s/-	...	30 1/2	...	June	1930	(Fin. 45 cts free 1/2 tax Coupon 35) Dec. 30, 30
Langkat	...	8 1/2	...	Oct.	1930	(making P. 120 for year 30-4-30) May 8, 30
S'hai Exploration	...	14 1/4	...	Dec.	1930	None
Loans	...	6 1/2	...	Dec.	1930	Interim T. 2 1/2 a/c 1930 July 1, 30
*Rauha	41	...	...	Mar.	1930	(Second Int. 1 1/2 a/c year 31-31-31) Dec. 18, 30
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & K. Wharves	173	...	...	Dec.	1930	20 for 1929 Mar. 13, 30
H. K. & W. Docks	30	30	...	Dec.	1930	Last dividend for 1929
South Ch. Motors	...	10	...	Dec.	1930	None
*China Provident (old) (new)	3.30	...	...	Dec.	1930	Last dividend for 1929
Hongkew	...	284	...	Dec.	1930	Interim T. 2 a/c 1930 Sep. 12, 30
N. Engineering	...	6 1/2	...	Dec.	1930	T. 2.00 for 1929 Feb. 25, 30
Shanghai Docks	...	116	...	Apr.	1930	T. 7 for year 30-4-30 July 30, 30
Land, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. & S. Hotels	12.40	12.40	...	Dec.	1930	50 cents for 1929 Apr. 7, 30
H. K. Lands (old)	84 1/2	84 1/2	...	Dec.	1930	Interim 25 cts 1930 Aug. 8, 30
(new A)	...	82 1/2	...	Dec.	1930	Interim T. 3 a/c 1930 July 31, 30
(new B)	...	...	...	Dec.	1930	30 cents for 1929 May 7, 30
Shanghai Lands	97 1/2	...	...	Dec.	1930	Interim 30 cents a/c 1930 Sep. 4, 30
Humphreys (Cum Rs.)	...	17 1/2	...	Dec.	1930	25 for year 29-30 July 31, 30
H. K. Estates	...	87	...	Feb.	1930	25 for year 29-30
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewo Cotton	10 1/2	18.00	...	Dec.	1930	Final T. 2 a/c 1929 Mar. 17, 30
Shanghai Cotton	10	...	...	Apr. (Oct.)	1930	T. 3.25 for half year 31-10-30 Nov. 30, 30
Zoong Sing	10	...	...	June	1930	T. 0.50 for year 30-4-30 Oct. 11, 30
Public Utilities.						
*H. K. Tramways	18 1/2	...	...	Dec.	1930	Interim 40 cents a/c 1930 Aug. 37, 30
Peak Tram (old) (new)	141	141	...	Apr.	1930	(30 cts. on old for year 30-4-30) June 16, 30
Star Ferries	93	...	...	Dec.	1930	24 for 1929 Feb. 14, 30
*China Light	26.85	26.85	...	Sept.	1930	Final 50 cts a/c s/y. 30-4-30 Dec. 15, 30
H. K. Electric	80 1/2	...	...	Dec.	1930	21.20 for 1929 Mar. 15, 30
Macao	28	...	...	Dec.	1930	None
Sandakan Lights	12	...	...	June	1930	None
H. K. Tel. fully paid	...	35 1/2	...	Dec.	1930	Int. [40 cents] a/c 1930 Aug. 1, 30
H. K. Tel. part paid	...	25	...	Dec.	1930	T. 0.50 for 1929 Feb. 25, 30
China Buses	...	19	...	Dec.	1930	(1 1/2 cts on preference shares) Feb. 6, 30
S'pore Traction (Ord.) (Pref.)	7/10	10 1/2	...	Sept.	1930	(1 1/2 on preference shares) Subject to income tax
Industrial.						
China Sugars	...	80 cts.	...	Dec.	1930	In Liquidation
Malayan Sugars	...	27	...	Dec.	1930	Fin. 3 for 1929 Apr. 11, 30
Cald. Marg. Ord. (Pref.)	...	108 1/2	...	Dec.	1930	(T. 2.00) 7 months 1929 Apr. 30, 30
Canton Ice	...	3.60	...	July	1930	None
*Cements (com.)	17 1/2	17 1/2	...	Dec.	1930	(30 cents on old) for 1929 Mar. 19, 30
(old) (new)	13 1/2	5.30	...	Dec.	1930	(40 cents on new) for 1929
H. K. Ropes	13	13.10	...	Dec.	1930	Last dividend for 1929
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farm (old) (new)	25 1/2	24	...	Dec.	1930	21.50 for 1929 Mar. 16, 30
Watsons	13.60	...	...	Oct.	1930	70 cents for year 31-10-30 Mar. 31, 30
Der A Wings	...	1	...	Feb.	1930	None
Lane Crawford	3.90	...	...	Feb.	1930	Last dividend for year 29-30
MacIntosh	...	10	...	Feb.	1930	21 for year 29-30 May 15, 30
Sincere	13 1/2	...	...	Feb.	1930	25 cents a/c year 30-2-29 June 10, 30
Wm. Powells	...	2.85	...	Feb.	1930	25 cents a/c year 30-2-29
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amuse. (C. R.) (Rights)	...	23	...	Mar.	1930	22.50 for year 31-3-30 Sept. 27, 30
Ch. Entertainment	12 1/2	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Construction	4.00	...	...	Dec.	1930	None
B. Ind. O. Bonds	...	70%	...	...	...	...
H. K. Govt. Loans	...	7%	...	...	...	...
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ROBERT MONTGOMERY AND
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"BLUSHING BRIDES."

How to be a "hero" though
wicked!

That seems to be the secret of
Robert Montgomery's success in
motion pictures. Instead of being
a gallant hero, he always starts out
as a villain, repents, and wins the
girl he first trifled with.

"I hate goody-goody heroes," the
young film player said recently.
"People write to me and tell me
how they hated me in certain pic-
tures because of the mean way I
treated the heroine. That's music
to my ears because I know I've
played my role convincingly."

"The day of perfect behaviour in
heroes and heroines is gone. They
are human now and, I think, more
true to life. Even the best of us
have a little bad in us too."

Montgomery's role opposite Joan
Crawford in "Our Blushing Brides,"
now playing in the Queen's Theatre,
is no exception to his novel hero
conduct. He plays the part of a
society cad until a tragic episode
brings him to realise his love.

Others in the cast of the new
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer talking picture
are Anita Page, Dorothy
Sebastian, Raymond Hackett, John
Miljan, Hedda Hopper, Mary
Doran, and Gwen Lee.

"THE VAGABOND KING."

Incorporating all recent advance-
ments in cinematography—sound
and technicolour—with excellent
acting and singing, gorgeous
scenery with a wealth of rich de-
tails, and clear photography, "The
Vagabond King," now showing in
the Central Theatre to large and
satisfied audiences, is a picture
which is well worth seeing. The
story, which is an adaptation of
the book "If I Were King," is too
well known to need recounting here.

Dennis King and Jeanette Mac-
Donald, heroine of the "Love
Parade," were well cast in the lead-
ing roles of Francois Villon and
Katherine, and their singing, particu-
larly the duets, was superb.

O. P. Heggie made a fine Louis XI.
whilst the supporting members of
the cast all carried their parts
well. Particularly fine photo-
graphy was seen in the night scenes
with torches flaring against a dark
background, the forms of their
bearers being just visible. The
battle between the vagabonds of
Paris, led by the undaunted
Francis, and the troops of the
Duke of Burgundy outside the city
gates was thrilling, whilst there is
also a picturesque view of the in-
terior of Notre Dame Cathedral
where Francois first met Katherine.

We have the assurance of the
management of the Central Theatre
that they are doing splendid busi-
ness with this fine picture, the
takings being more than the "Love
Parade."

"NOT SO DUMB."

The readers of Donald Ogden
Stewart's uproariously funny books
will have an opportunity to see
what this was actually looks like
when Marion Davies's starring pic-
ture, "Not So Dumb," comes to the
Queen's Theatre on Thursday. For
Stewart has a prominent part in
the cast of this Metro-Goldwyn-
Mayer all-talking production, adapted
from the Kaufman Connelly
stage success, "Dulcy."

While "Not So Dumb" will be
Stewart's talking screen debut, it
cannot be said that he is entirely
without theatrical experience, inas-
much as he made an appearance on
the legitimate stage in the play
"Holiday."

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer engaged
Stewart as a writer, but this
comedian, true to type, fooled them

NEW AEROPLANE ENGINE.

High Expectations of
of New Diesel Motor.

Paris, Dec. 1.
The French Ministry of Air
announced to-day that an aero-
plane has been successfully flown
powered by a Diesel oil-burning
motor of 200 h.p. While Ministry
experts maintain a "hush-hush"
attitude, other French technicians
are enthusiastic and declare that
the new engine may revolutionise
trans-oceanic flying.

Some time ago, a 100 h.p.
Diesel-Clerget motor was made in
France and put through success-
ful tests, but it was found to be
a bit weak to carry the heavy load
of oil needed at the start. The
200 h.p. motor will be tested for
several months, and then work
started on one double that force.

The Ministry cites three reasons
why an oil-burner would be pre-
ferable to motors employing the
more highly combustible and light-
er petrol:

Advantages.
1. Greater security in operating,
less chance of fire aboard.
2. Cost approximately one-third
less.

3. Greater distance, as uses less
weight in fuel.
Oil is heavier than petrol, but
it is not consumed so rapidly and
over a long distance, twice the
mileage can be expected from the
same weight of fuel.

The Diesel engine, of German
origin, is now made in France,
Britain, United States and Ger-
many under rights which its in-
ventor has sold to the Govern-
ments.

Clerget, whose name is
given to the motor in France, is
one of the technicians of the
Ministry of Air.

Its French builders say that
Diesel-equipped planes should be
flying on schedule within three
years.—United Press.

"NEW FORM OF PROPAGANDA."

Daily Herald's Charges Against
Polish Embassy.

London, Dec. 13.
Grave charges against the
Polish Embassy in London are
made by the Daily Herald in an
editorial dealing with the Em-
bassy's daily bulletins, which it
characterises as a "new form of
propaganda."

The Labour daily declares that
the bulletins, "from under cover
of extra-territoriality," attack not
only the British newspapers but
for instance the Manchester Guardian,
whose comments on Polish
affairs are apparently repugnant
to Poles, but go so far as to vilify
other Powers with whom Britain
maintains friendly relations, which
the newspaper asserts, "is to put
it mildly, an offence to diplomatic
tact."

and turned actor. He has the role
of a chap recently escaped from an
insane asylum and, as he has him-
self remarked, it fits him perfectly.
Among Stewart's best known
books are "The Crazy Fool," "Per-
fect Behaviour," "Mr. and Mrs.
Haddock Abroad," "Aunt Polly's
Story of Mankind" and "Mr. and
Mrs. Haddock in Paris, France."

Stewart has been having such a
good time in Hollywood that from
all indications he is a permanent
addition to M-G-M's acting staff.

Others in the cast of "Not So
Dumb" are Elliott Nugent, Ray-
mond Hackett, Sally Starr, Julia
Faye, Franklin Pangborn, William
Holden, George Davis, and Ruby
Lafayette.

The picture was directed by King
Vidor, whose recent work was the
sensational negro epic, "Halle-
lujah."

COTTAGER & KING.

INFORMALITY OF BULGARIAN
MONARCH.

GIVES LIFT TO OLD PEASANT

Sofia, Dec. 1.

A Bulgarian peasant woman had
the good fortune of having a cup
of coffee and a friendly chat with
King Boris in her cottage shortly
before his marriage to Princess
Giovanna of Italy.

King Boris had been out motor-
ing in a lonely district in the
mountains to the south-east of
Sofia. Wishing to be sure that
he had not missed his way he
stopped his car on the crest of a
hill to try and establish his bear-
ings. As he was waiting an old
peasant woman approached. The
King asked her whether he was
on the right road. The old woman
told him that he was and asked
him if he would give her a lift
to the next village where she liv-
ed. King Boris got out of his car,
helped the old woman into it and
drove on.

Perfect Self-Possession.

Arrived at the village and still
not having an inkling as to the
identity of the driver of the car,
the old woman thanked him and
in accordance with the Bulgarian
custom, invited him to come in
and sit down while she made him
coffee. While she was making
the coffee her son, who was serv-
ing in the army, entered the cot-
tage. He was thunderstruck to
see the King sitting there. Salut-
ing the King he asked whether he
might stay in the room. When
the old woman realised who her
visitor really was she did not lose
her presence of mind. She wel-
comed the King, and expressed
her gratitude for the opportunity
of seeing her sovereign in person,
for she explained to King Boris
as she lived so many miles away
from the capital she would never
in the ordinary course of things
have had the occasion there or of
seeing the King.

After King Boris and his host-
ess had coffee he thanked her
and left the cottage. In the mean-
time the news had spread that the
King was there and he drove off
in his car to the cheers of the
villagers.—United Press.

DOMINION CAREERS FOR BOYS.

Speaking at the annual Speech
Day and prize-giving of the Dover
County School for Boys Mr. Amery,
M.P., said that there was an im-
mense field open to boys who went
out to the British Dominions, and
the best way was to go as soon as
they could after leaving school.
They should go through an agricul-
tural or a technical college and
proceed to the university, where all
doors would be open to them, and
they would start on a level with the
young men of the Dominions them-
selves. Mr. F. Whitehouse, the
headmaster, declared that more
harm than they were aware of was
caused by orgies of sentiment over
the average normal British boy.
He had an uneasy feeling that
schools were becoming too elabo-
rate, too "padded," and boys were
being protected from shocks of all
kinds.

Your body can cure itself —
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The human organism, which is
in perfectly normal health, has
within itself the means to resist
disease and destroy germs that at-
tack it. And this resisting power
lies in the blood-stream. The dif-
ference between the person, who
falls a victim to a disease and one
who does not is chiefly a differ-
ence in the condition of their
blood. Therefore, while various
disease germs cause different ail-
ments, the root factor lies in the
blood, which by reason of its insuf-
ficiency or poorness, is unable to
combat and throw off the disease
germs when they make their attack.

Apart from accidents, the per-
son who is blessed with an abun-
dant supply of pure rich blood, keeps
fit and well—always. Such a per-
son is often said to possess a strong
constitution, but actually, this
strong constitution is really an
effect—a condition resultant from
and depending upon the mainte-
nance of the high quality and abun-
dant quantity of the blood.
Many people, while avoiding
specific diseases, never really enjoy
good health. Always they are
cursed by head-aches, back-aches,
debility, general weakness, spells of
indigestion, spasms of rheumatism
that come and go at every little
turn in the weather. In truth they
are only half alive. And it is be-
cause their blood is below par—in-
sufficient in quantity and quality.
For such people there is nothing to
equal the world-famed blood-build-
er Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.
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all chemists.

Keep Bright Things Bright



"Come here, my lad," said Paul Rader, noted Chicago evangelist,
to Tom Bailey, deckhand of the Canadian Pacific liner Duchess
of York, as he was polishing brass just before the liner sailed for
Belmont with the preacher. "You ought to be in this photo, too. We've
both got the same job—keeping the brightwork bright!"
Accompanied by Mrs. Rader and his daughter, Harriet, and Wil-
minie, the evangelist is on a world tour. He has meetings scheduled
in Belfast, London and the Holy Land. After that he will spend some
time in Malta and the Far East returning to America in March.

DETRIMENTAL RICHES.

K.C.'s Answer to a Judge's Poser.

Sir Thomas Inskip K.C., the former Attorney-General, talked about the disadvantages of wealth, in the Court of Appeal.

Lord Justice Scrutton had asked him what he would do if a poor mother wanted her child, whom rich people had adopted and who were going to leave it half a million by will.

Sir Thomas: I should give it back to its mother. It would be better for it. (Laughter.)

Lord Justice Scrutton: But it would be detrimental to the interests of the child to return it to its mother, and the law requires the court to consider the interests of the child. (Laughter.)

Sir Thomas: I don't agree. In one sense, of course, it might be detrimental to a person not to draw a horse in the Irish Sweep. Yet it might be wholly detrimental to the drawer to get one of these horses. I don't regard the mere acquisition of wealth as necessarily beneficial to the welfare of the future citizen. (Laughter.)

The court was continuing the hearing of the appeal of Ellen Carroll, an unmarried domestic servant, from the judgment of a King's Bench Divisional Court, affirming an order of Mr. Justice Charles in chambers refusing to give her the custody of her infant daughter, Joan Margaret.

The girl was born in Isleworth, Middlesex, in April 1929. The mother asked the Homeless Children's Aid and Adoption Society and F. B. Meyer Children's Home to arrange for the child's adoption, and the child was sent to a young Protestant couple in the North of England.

Later the Society was informed that the girl was baptised in the Roman Catholic faith and the mother applied that the child should be restored to her as she wished her to be brought up in that faith. The child is now in the possession of the society.

Sir Thomas Inskip appeared for respondents in support of the judgment of the Divisional Court. He said the evidence was not satisfactory whether this was the mother's application at all.

Lord Justice Greer said that on the question of the rights of the child, when adopted, had now all the legitimate rights of a child with two parents. He did not know whether the rights included rights to adopted grand-parents. He supposed they did, for grand-parents undoubtedly had responsibilities, at any rate to some extent. (Laughter.)

Sir Thomas Inskip pointed out that the Society felt it had a grave responsibility. Four judges—Mr. Justice Charles, the Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Avory, and Mr. Justice Wright—had all come to the conclusion that the society was right, and it was better for the child that it should remain where it was.

Judgment was reserved.

HUNTING TRIBES IN NEW GUINEA.

Sugar Cane Immune from Disease.

Washington, Nov. 30.

A little seed, packed in a hermetically sealed package, which journeyed for over two months from India to this country was the beginning of a breed of sugar cane that has given life to the sugar industry of Louisiana.

Officials of the Department of Agriculture have announced the release for commercial planting in Louisiana of a new variety of cane—a sugar cane immune to the diseases which practically wiped out the sugar industry in Louisiana several years ago, and one that in addition yields about 35 per cent. more sugar than its best disease-resistant rival. The seed released to commercial planters this fall will not be used for sugar, but merely for breeding purposes. It will probably be two years before a crop of the new variety is on the market, but experiments have already demonstrated that it produces a full extraction of sugar per acre.

Seed from India.

The new variety, known officially as "C.P. 807" because of its origin at Canal Point, Fla., was produced at the sugar plant field station there under the direction of Dr. E. W. Brandes of the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Plant Industry. Parent to the new seedling was another Canal Point variety, but its ancestry beyond that may be traced to the imported seed, "P.O.J. 213" which lived to grow after the long trip from India in spite of the fact that ordinarily sugar-cane seed keeps for only a few days. The strain did not originate in India, however, but in Java, one of the greatest sugar-raising lands in the world.

Dr. Brandes' search for disease resistant strains of sugar-cane has been a romantic one that has led him into far away lands and among strange peoples. Some of his specimens were obtained from the head hunting tribes of New Guinea, where he flew in a modern airplane over a country peopled with men in the stone-age stage of cultural development—United Press.

SEA MYSTERY.

CASE OF THE MARIE CELESTE RECALLED.

Paris, Dec. 5.

A sea mystery, strangely recalling the famous case of the "Marie Celeste," the greatest sea-puzzle of history, is reported from the Channel Islands where Jersey fishermen have brought into harbour an abandoned French two-master, which had been found derelict off La Roque, with not a soul aboard but in a perfect state, with a candle alight in the cabin on a table on which had been served supper for two. But the supper had not been touched.

RADIO TOPICS

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres:—

5-8 p.m.—European Programme. of Columbia Records kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

5-5.40 p.m.—Orchestral. Stenka Razin (Glasgow). Brussels Royal Conservatoire Orchestra (2183-4).

Oberon Overture (Weber). Willem Mengelberg & His Concert Orchestra (212-13).

Kay Blas—Overture. B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra (9278).

5.40-6.10 p.m.—Musical Comedy. That's a Good Girl—Fancy Our Meeting.

The One I'm Looking for (from That's a Good Girl). Jack Buchanan and Elsie Randolph with Debroy Somers Band (9462).

The Desert Song—Selections. Debroy Somers Band (3290).

On with the Show 1930—Selections. Debroy Somers Band (74).

6.10-6.35 p.m.—Band Selections. The Black Domino Overture. B.B.C. Wireless Military Band (25).

Regimental Marches. The National Military Band (138).

Marche Slav. The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (59).

6.35-7.25 p.m.—Concert Items. Octet—Classical Selections (arr. Ewing). J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9440).

Song—The Kerry Dance (Molloy). The Songs My Mother Sang. Doris Vane. Soprano (187).

Violin Solo—Slavonic Dance in C Minor (Dvorak-Kreisler). Joseph Szegedy (2097).

Duet—Excelsior (Longfellow & Balfe). Hubert Edsall and Norman Allin (79).

Cello Solo—Melodie (Gluck & Squire). W. H. Squire (2080).

Quartette—a. I See my Love at the Window, b. Calliope. Lions Quartette of Seattle (5170).

Organ Solo—Scherzo (Commette). Edouard Commette (5315).

Cello Solo—Reverie (Dunkler). W. H. Squire (2059).

7.25-8 p.m.—Operatic. La Tosca—Vissi D'Arte (Puccini). Cavalleria Rusticana—Voi Lo Sapete (Mascagni). Eva Turner, Soprano (2118).

Duet—Il Trovatore (Verdi). Arangi Lombardi & Carlo Galeffi (2157).

Song—Lucia Di Lammermoor—Mad Scene (Donizetti). Cover With Bitter Tears. A. M. Guglielmetti, Soprano (2052).

Song—Mikado—A More Humane Mikado (Gilbert & Sullivan). The Mikado—Till Willow. Harold Williams, Baritone (180).

8 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert. 9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

A GOOD JOKE.

What is the best wireless joke you have ever seen in a newspaper—the unintentional kind, I mean? Not long ago a so-called "national" daily printed an article on how to tune a set. If you saw it you must have laughed as much as I did.

Although there were a number of bad mistakes, the cream of the whole thing was a statement to the effect that the dial readings for a particular station would vary as the distance from the transmitter increased. The idea was that if the reading were 45 and 47 (on a two-dial set) at ten miles from the London Regional, for instance, the readings would be increased to something like 53 and 55 at twenty miles.

The way in which some newspaper editors get their legs pulled passes belief!—W.M.

"B" ELIMINATORS.

Eliminators, particularly those which have been developed during the past year or so, are, as a general rule, rather faithful servants and very rarely give trouble. While they are working well it is good policy to leave them alone. Should they give trouble, if the fault is not easily apparent, take the unit to the nearest agent for that type of instrument and let him rectify the trouble. Faults in eliminators are hard to trace without special instruments, and, as very few radio enthusiasts have them, it is better to leave the problem of repair to an expert equipped with the right tools for the job. Overloading is one of the greatest causes of trouble and breakdown in eliminators. After having satisfied yourself that the unit is capable of working your set in the ordinary way, make sure that there are no "shorts" in the set or eliminator wiring.

IN AUSTRALIA.

WHAT PRIVATE ENTERPRISE HAS DONE.

B. CLASS STATIONS.

Wireless broadcasting in Australia has been popularised by what are termed the B class stations controlled and operated by private enterprise.

In the last twelve months the secondary services have improved to such an extent that listeners are beginning to agitate for a substantial reduction of the wireless license fee of \$6 a year.

The B class stations received no part of the radio impost. They derive their revenue entirely from advertising in the form of sponsored sessions.

During the latest series of cricket test matches in England a group of privately owned stations in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia put on the air a ball by ball description of the games. More than \$10,000 was spent on cable messages, the cost being borne by big advertisers who obtained valuable publicity from their enterprise.

In addition to details of play received by cablegram every few minutes, the radio phone between Britain and Australia was employed to carry "talks" by the Australian captain and other players for rebroadcast throughout the Commonwealth. Tens of thousands of cricket enthusiasts stayed up till 4 a.m. each day and at the end of play were thrilled to hear the voices of members of the Australian team immediately they left the playing ground 12,000 miles away.

This enterprising series of broadcasts did a great deal to advance the B class stations in public favour. The Government owned (A class stations) were completely overshadowed while the cricket test matches were being played.

Under existing arrangements the 335,000 owners of receiving sets in Australia are obliged to pay a yearly license fee of \$6. Of this sum the Commonwealth Government retains \$3 and \$3 is paid to the Australian Broadcasting Company to provide programmes for two stations each in New South Wales and Victoria, and one each in the three other mainland states. Provision is being made for relay or subsidiary stations in the country districts of all states.

There are now "on the air" more privately owned stations than Government controlled, and the service they offer, free, meets with the unqualified approval of the listening public. In two years' time existing contracts between the Commonwealth Government and the Australian Broadcasting Company will come up for review. Before the term of the present arrangement expires, it has been suggested that the postmaster general should make a thorough investigation of the broadcasting business with a view to ascertaining if the public could not be relieved of a considerable portion of the wireless tax of \$6 a year.

While the privately owned and operated stations are providing excellent entertainment, they do not cover the complete scale of broadcasting. They do not deal comprehensively with sporting fixtures, nor do they give such variety as is contained in the programmes of the national, Government controlled services. However, if development during the next 12 months continues at the pace maintained in the last year, it is expected that the B class stations will encompass every worthwhile event which lends itself to broadcasting.

Extension of the services provided by private broadcasters de-

pends entirely upon the amount of money advertisers are prepared to place in the pool. The big organisations, which alone have resources adequate to the expense entailed in sponsoring ambitious broadcasts, are comparatively few. However, if sufficient money is diverted by national advertisers into a broadcasting pool to support a continuing series of wireless entertainments, then, and not till then, will the listening public be in a position to say to the Government, "Cut out the licence fee; close your A class stations."

On the communications side, Australia is efficiently served by Amalgamated Wireless (Australia) Ltd., an organisation in which the Commonwealth Government has a half share interest. Penrith Hills transmitting centre, near Sydney, is the largest radio "nest" in the Southern Hemisphere. It carried the conversation of Mrs. Kingsford-Smith at Sydney with her son in New York, and when the airman reached San Francisco, Penrith Hills again enabled him to hear his mother.

La Perouse, also near Sydney, is the listening post of the Australian wireless service. Here a score or more Australians listen in to the world.

If the German commercial station at Nauen holds a conversation with the Brazilian Government they hear it at La Perouse as easily as they followed the signals of the Southern Cross around the world. When an overseas broadcasting station puts on something special in the way of a programme La Perouse picks it up and passes it on to an Australian station for rebroadcasting. At La Perouse they talk to trawlers on the Australian coasts, they listen to the trawlers in the North Sea, the signals of rum-runners dodging American patrol boats come in also the voices of the announcers at radio broadcasting stations in Moscow, Manila, Auckland, and Milan. They hear it all at La Perouse.

Around the coast of Australia radio stations are in constant communication with ships at sea and with land stations. Some of these places are very lonely, but the operator need never be short of conversation.

"For goodness sake tell me the score, old man," the operator on a cargo boat in the Great Australian Bight will radio. "I've got a bet with a fellow on a P. and O. boat in the Red Sea that Bradman will make three times as many runs as Hobbs and Sutcliffe together."

Of course radio operators are not supposed to discuss frivolous subjects, but during the critical hours of the cricket test matches which aroused intense interest among Australians, some very animated conversations buzzed over the ether when a good 100 per cent. Australian at some lonely radio outpost found himself in touch with a patriotic Britisher.

MARCONI'S MESSAGE.

In a message to the Daily Express Senator Marconi writes:

Eight years ago broadcasting was looked upon merely as a means of entertainment. To-day it has established itself as one of the most powerful educational forces of our time, a large employer of labour, a friend and helper in all good causes, a blessing to the blind, the bedridden and the sick, as well as a means of entertainment and instruction for the healthy, both in the vitality of youth and in the tranquillity of old age.

Even so, we are only at the beginning of the development of broadcasting. Its range and influence will grow and the service it renders to mankind will increase.

GERMAN DISQUIET.

THE "UNDERCURRENT OF DESPERATION."

Berlin, Dec. 10.

The strong undercurrent of desperation coupled with Radicalism running swiftly through Germany exploded on Wednesday at Hamburg, where one was killed and several wounded in recurrent clashes between Communists and the Police, who had the order to tolerate no public manifestations and were pelted with stones, being finally compelled to use their firearms.

The capital remained quiet until Wednesday night, the authorities ban on demonstrations having apparently had a sobering effect. However, riotous scenes ensued in the Reichstag when the National-Socialists demanded the release of their deputy, Herr Fabricius, who was arrested on Tuesday night in connection with the anti-Berlin demonstration and who later was sentenced to a heavy fine. Trans-Ocean Service.

BOMB INJURES FOUR

OUTBURST OF ANTI-FILIPINO FEELING.

Imperial (Calif.), Dec. 9.

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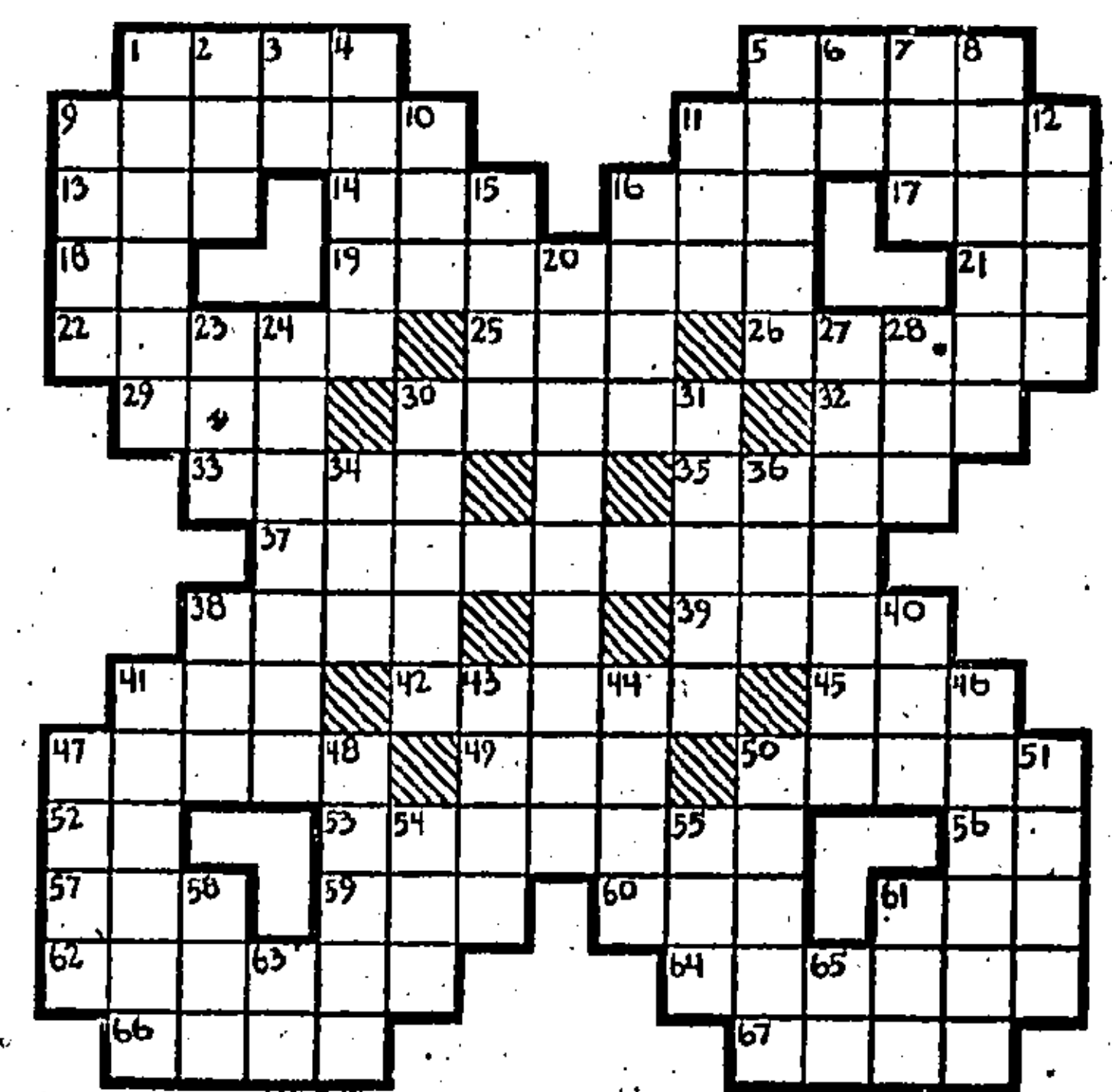
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

1—Warmth
5—A vegetable
9—Chat socially
11—Toll
13—A sphere
14—Masculine name (short)
16—River of Scotland
17—Snake-like fish
18—Ahead
19—Foes
21—Attempt
22—Restrain
23—Likewise not
24—One of the vertical side pieces of a door
29—Masculine name (short)
30—Condition
32—Raw metal
33—Woody plant
35—Barron
37—One who ordains
38—A section of the Koran
39—Enlarge a hole
41—Rodent
42—Wants
43—Daughters of the American Revolution (abbr.)
47—Mature

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

49—Distinguished Service Order (abbr.)
50—Doctrine
52—Opera (abbr.)
53—Excessive fatness
55—Three-toed sloth
57—Open (post.)
58—Goddess of the sea (Norse Myth.)
60—Sailor
61—Before
62—Feminine name
64—Disputed
66—Venture
67—Burden

VERTICAL

1—Provided with horns
2—To recede, as the tide
3—Indefinite article
4—One who tones
5—Exit
6—Each (abbr.)
7—Hall
8—Sewing implement
9—A monk's cowl
10—Interdict
11—Observe
12—A small plum-like fruit
13—A shelter of canvas
14—Erected
15—The underground part of a plant
16—The Scandinavian people
17—A mountain district in Italy
18—Bound
19—Sheep cry
20—To strike gently
21—Time period
22—Greek letter E
23—Comparative ending of adjectives
24—Extremely

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)



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GOVERNOR - GENERAL & HIS POWERS.

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management of currency and exchange, and with the same object the provision of sanction to the introduction of a bill dealing with coinage.

The Sub-Committee further agreed that the services of a loan for adequate provision for salaries and pensions of persons appointed under guarantees given by the Secretary of State should be secured with special requirements as a consolidated fund charge. With this exception, that there be no difference between the Finance Minister and any other Minister and, with regard to taxation and the fiscal policy, he would be responsible. The Sub-Committee recognised that it may be difficult under the existing condition to set up a reserve bank immediately, set up a reserve bank immediately, and therefore, special provision will be necessary in the meantime to the Governor-General for the adequate control of the monetary policy and currency.

Right of Assent.

They assume also that the Governor-General will continue to have the right of refusing assent to Legislative measures and of returning a Bill for consideration and subject to any instruction issued to the Governor-General that the existing powers as to reservations and this allowance will remain. In the event of a breakdown of the constitution adequate powers must be vested with the Governor-General for the purpose of enabling the King's Government to be carried on.

In regard to the Legislature the Sub-Committee proceed on the basis there will be two Chambers, the Upper House or Senate, comprising 150 members, and the Lower House, comprising 200 members. As to the qualification of members of the Upper House, it is suggested that a principle similar to those in force for the Council of State should apply in British India and that States should take measures to ensure men of similar standing.

The Committee suggest that the Provincial Legislature should elect members to the Senate by a single

transferable vote and that a fixed proportion of members of the Senate be replaced at regular periods. The term of Lower Chamber members should be five years, unless the Legislature were dissolved sooner by the Governor-General. As regards distribution of seats, there was difference of opinion in the committee as also on the method of election, whether direct or indirect. For the purpose of securing greater stability to the executive, the suggestion was made and found large support that Ministers should not be compelled to resign unless there were an adverse vote of two-thirds of both chambers sitting together. The Sub-Committee are of opinion that some means should be devised whereby in the interests of stability an adverse vote should not on every occasion involve resignation.—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday. Important proposals for the federal constitution of India, made in the draft report of the federal structure sub-committee of the Round Table Conference were read by Lord Sankey at a meeting of the sub-committee in St. James's Palace to-day.

The report suggests that the executive power and authority be vested in the Crown or Governor-General, and that there be a Council of Ministers appointed by Governor-General to hold office at his pleasure and to aid and advise him.

The Governor-General should invite a Minister to form a Government, which shall remain in office only as long as it can retain the confidence of the legislature.

Not in One Step.

The sub-committee generally agreed that the assumption by India of all the powers of responsibility which hitherto have rested with Parliament cannot be made in one step, and during the period of transition the Governor-General should be responsible for defence and external relations, including relations with the Indian States outside the federal sphere, and in certain specified situations which may arise outside the sphere of those subjects.

The Governor-General must be free to act on his own responsibility and be given powers, if necessary, to implement his decisions. In the event of a breakdown in the constitution adequate powers

should be vested in the Governor-General for the purpose of enabling the King's Government to be carried on.—Reuter.

Earlier News.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Lord Chancellor Sankey has completed his draft report summarising the views of the Federal Structure Sub-committee of the Indian Round Table Conference on the constitution, character, powers and responsibilities of the Federal Executive. This draft will be in the hands of members of the Sub-committee at a meeting this afternoon, and will at once be considered.

It is anticipated that consideration will be completed in time to permit of a final report being made to the full conference in committee on Thursday.

Keen Interest.

Meanwhile, the announcement of the Government's policy which will be made by the Prime Minister towards the end of the current week or beginning of next week, is awaited with keen interest. It is known that the Prime Minister hopes to make the statement as early as possible, but the newspapers say he would feel his position strengthened if the policy were in advance endorsed by both opposition parties.

Lord Reading for the Liberals, has generally accepted the claims for responsibility at the centre, advanced by Sir Tej Sapru, but the final decision on this matter by the Conservative section of the British delegation has not yet been taken. A still more important consideration, that may account for the delay, is that the communal problem so far remains unsettled. Informal discussions on the Hindu-Muslim issue, with particular reference to the situation in Bengal and the Punjab were, however, continued during the week-end.

Royal Farewell.

The King Emperor, accompanied by the Queen, formally bade farewell at Buckingham Palace this morning to the Indian delegates attending the Round Table Conference.

The delegates, some of whom are returning to India at the end of this week, were accompanied by their ladies, and assembled in the picture gallery before proceeding to the State drawing room where they were received by their Majesties.—British Wireless Service.

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